About the Day of Service

Friday, June 19, 2020
National Capital Parks-East, Washington, DC

June is Great Outdoors Month®: a celebration of America’s public lands and waters and the many ways to enjoy them. Organizations and municipalities host events throughout the month to encourage people to #EscapeTheIndoors. Every year, more than 1 million people participate in events.

The Corps Network recognizes Great Outdoors Month® with our Great Outdoors Day of Service in Washington, DC. Friday, June 19, 2020 marks our 7th annual Day of Service. The purpose of this event is to:

1. **Inspire** people to get outside and contribute to the preservation of America’s natural spaces.
2. **Raise awareness** about the role of service and volunteerism in protecting and improving our public lands.
3. **Celebrate** the service of Corpsmembers and other volunteers who help protect our natural treasures.
4. **Make a difference**. We hope to make a dent in the backlog of maintenance projects on National Park Service properties in DC, helping our partners at NPS focus on other priority projects.

Outdoor enthusiasts, friends of the Corps movement, and young people from Corps across the country will participate in the Day of Service. The activities may involve invasive species removal, landscaping, litter abatement, graffiti removal, and other maintenance/improvement projects at one or more of the historic, cultural, and recreational parklands that comprise National Capital Parks-East.
About Corps and Stewardship

Every year, volunteers contribute countless hours to the maintenance and improvement of public lands and waters. Their service helps resource managers maintain our favorite places. In 2016 alone, volunteers with the National Park Service served 8 million hours.

Corps are locally-based organizations that engage young adults and veterans in up to year-long terms of service addressing community and conservation issues. Through their service, “Corpsmembers” gain hands-on work experience, build their resumes, earn certifications, and develop valuable skills in communication and leadership. Corpsmembers often serve on public lands and waters, completing projects focused on habitat restoration, trail maintenance, urban forestry, disaster response, and green infrastructure.

About The Corps Network

Established in 1985, The Corps Network is the national association of service and conservation corps (Corps). Our 133 Corps provide young adults and veterans the opportunity to serve our country through service on public lands and in rural and urban communities.

The Corps Network supports Corps by advocating on their behalf, providing access to funding and projects, and offering expertise in Corps programming.

To learn more about The Corps Network, visit www.corpsnetwork.org or follow us on social media @TheCorpsNetwork.

2020 Day of Service Information

Location: National Capital Parks-East

Schedule for June 19 (Subject to change)

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<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Kick-off Event</td>
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<td>10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Get to work!</td>
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<td>1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Break for lunch</td>
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<td>1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Finish the project</td>
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What to Expect

The Corps Network Day of Service begins with a kick-off event and breakfast, followed by service projects. There will be a break for lunch. The kick-off includes remarks from partners, sponsors, and influential voices in resource management and national service.

The project will involve invasive species removal, light landscaping, and other activities. Corps staff and Corpsmembers will help lead volunteers. Participants should come prepared to work outdoors. The event will happen rain or shine.

Sponsorship

Inquiries regarding sponsoring or otherwise supporting the Day of Service can be directed to Lashauntya Moore, lmoore@corpsnetwork.org. We look forward to engaging you in this year’s event!