The CorpsNetwork

Our Impact

America's Service & Conservation Corps 2026



What is a Corps?

Corps are local organizations that engage young adults (generally ages 16 – 30) and veterans (up to age 35) in service projects that address conservation and community needs. Through a term of service that could last from a few months to a year, Corps participants – or "Corpsmembers" – gain work experience and develop in-demand skills. Corpsmembers are compensated with a stipend or living allowance and often receive an education award or scholarship upon completing their service. Additionally, Corps provide participants educational programming, mentors, and access to career counseling.

Corps partner with federal, state, and local resource management and community agencies to engage Corpsmembers in critical projects. Corpsmembers help…

- Maintain public lands, waterways, and wildlife
- Expand access to outdoor recreation
- Respond to disasters and strengthen resilience
- Improve safety and efficiency of low-income homes
- Preserve historic structures
- Grow fresh produce to address food insecurity
- Complete wildfire-related projects
- Build park and public space infrastructure

About The Corps Network

Established in 1985, The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Our membership of more than 140 Corps operates across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories. The Corps Network supports Corps through advocacy, guidance, and providing access to funding and project opportunities.

Corps in Numbers FY25

22,305	Total # of Corpsmembers
672,324	Acres of fire fuels treated
397,826	Trees planted
357,584	Acres of habitat restored
75,344	Acres of invasive species treated
23,688	Miles of trail built or improved
10,433	Homes assisted in disaster response
447	Wildfires responded to



We Can Do More

Corps are cost-effective partners, helping communities address pressing challenges in a timely manner, all while training and empowering America's young workers with essential skills to succeed in any sector.

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A Long History

Corps date back to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. Today, many Corps receive support from AmeriCorps.

Lomakatsi Restoration Project

Corps to Careers

Corpsmembers develop skills and earn recognized certifications for the growing conservation, resilience, and infrastructure economies.

Urban Corps of San Diego County

A Smart Investment

A 2023 study found that every $1 invested in a Conservation Corps can return up to $126 to society, program members, and the government.[1]

Montana Conservation Corps

Bipartisan Support

Corps have long received support from both sides of the aisle. Our leaders recognize the value these programs bring to their districts.

Conservation Corps of Long Beach

Infrastructure and Public Lands

Engaging in Public-Private Partnerships

Local, state, and federal government agencies partner with Corps to complete critical projects. Through public-private partnerships, agencies address projects sooner and engage a new generation of stewards. Corps help improve access to lands and waters, supporting the $1.3 trillion outdoor recreation economy.[2]

Local Economies

Developing Rural and Urban Strength

Corps engage local young people and local project partners to do work that truly matters for their communities, like keeping streets clean and maintaining parks critical for generating tourist dollars. Corpsmembers earn money and receive training to set them on a path of upward economic mobility.

Disaster Response and Mitigation

Preparedness and Rebuilding

Corps mitigate disaster damage through removing fire fuels, installing stormwater infrastructure, and stabilizing hillsides. When disasters occur, Corps help communities recover by managing volunteers and removing debris. Corps also assist in long-term recovery, rebuilding, and revegetation.

Workforce Development

Meeting Employer Needs

Corpsmembers gain hands-on job experience, earn certifications, and develop essential skills in leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork. By partnering with businesses and schools, Corps address local workforce needs and create pathways to employment. Corps-related occupations employ nearly 13 million workers — about 8% of all workers nationwide.[3]

Serving Our Country

Empowering Young Americans

Corps offer opportunities for people of different backgrounds to unite for the common goal of bettering our nation. They learn the value of hard work and develop a sense of civic responsibility. Corpsmembers see the results of their work and recognize their ability to be change-makers.

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