



**Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 450 Hour  
Individual Placement  
National Park Service  
John Day Fossil Beds National Monument  
Kimberly, Oregon – 16 Weeks**

**Title: Interpretive Ranger AmeriCorps Member (450 Hours)**

**Grant Program: OYSI 22EDBDC0020010 / EAP 22EDBDC0020053**

**Position Summary:**

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument is recruiting **1 (one) Interpretation** and Education AmeriCorps Members beginning in May/June 2025 and serving through September/October 2025 (16 weeks). The members will be trained in interpretation skills and will work at the visitor center answering visitors' questions about the park's geology and paleontology. The members will also help guests plan their visits to the three site units and encourage safe discoveries and experiences during their stay. Other duties will be roving to the other park sights to answer questions in the field, assisting with bookstore operations, and general upkeep of the facilities.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Visitor Center Operations (65%)**
  - Duties include general orientation and information for visitors, assisting with the Junior Ranger program as well as providing interpretive pop-up/patio talks
- **Roving/Outreach (15%)**
  - Duties include on-site and virtual programming assistance.
- **Classroom and Training (15%)**
- **Social Media Content Creation (5%)**
  - Duties include producing posts, video clips, etc.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Ages 18-30 (up to 35 for veterans)
- U.S. Citizen or lawful, permanent resident
- Must pass a background/driver check
- Ability to work outdoors in remote settings during high temperatures, wind and on uneven ground.
- Willingness to work as part of a positive and collaborative team.
- Public speaking skills, high quality customer service skills, and IT skills.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Current valid driver's license and clean driving record.
- A passion for sharing the park and its resources with the public

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience in presenting informational or educational talks to the public.
- Experience teaching and/or leading youth, conservation, reforestation and/or outdoor rec skills.
- Ability to absorb and apply a great deal of information quickly and accurately.

**Duty Location:**

Duties are performed within John Day Fossil Beds National Monument's three units located near Kimberly, Fossil, and Mitchell, OR. The main duty station is at the visitor center in the Sheep Rock Unit located near Kimberly, OR 97848.

**Terms of Employment:**

The AmeriCorps member will complete a term of service (16 weeks), starting May/June 2025 through October/September 2025. The member must complete a minimum of 450 service hours by the end of their term. The member will receive a 30-minute lunch each day and this lunch break does not count towards AmeriCorps member service hours. Training will not exceed 20% of total member service hours.

**Program Benefits:**

\$9,600 living allowance dispersed on a monthly basis and upon successful completion of program requirements, education award amount of \$1,956.35.

The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing their own food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

**These positions are sponsored by The Corps Network's OYSI and EAP program.**

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## Application Instructions

**Application Deadline:** Open Until Filled

**Interviews:** Will occur as qualified applications are received.

**Type of position:** AmeriCorps Individual Placement

**Service Dates:** May/June 2025 – October/September 2025

**Length of Term:** 16 Weeks

### **How to apply:**

Please submit a **cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references** and completely fill out the application form found at

[https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobsearch/?job\\_board\\_classification=Internships](https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobsearch/?job_board_classification=Internships)

Please select “**John Day Fossil Beds – Interpretive Ranger AmeriCorps Member**” when applying.

### **Additional Information**

If you have questions about the position, please reach Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Coordinator Molly Babcock at [mollyb@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:mollyb@nwyouthcorps.org) or Katheryn Sommer, Acting Chief of Interpretation & Education: [katheryn\\_sommer@nps.gov](mailto:katheryn_sommer@nps.gov) or (541) 987-2333 x1237.

**The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.**