



MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

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Position: Veteran Community Leader

This position has been approved for the use of GI Bill benefits.

Program and Position Overview: MCC is dedicated to accomplishing outdoor recreation and conservation projects for the public, promoting and managing volunteer opportunities, providing conservation education, building self-esteem and leadership, and raising the aspirations of members and volunteers. Veteran Community Leaders begin their term of service with the MCC in an 11-week training program designed to leverage existing leadership talents and develop new skills. Upon completion of training, Veteran Community Leaders are placed individually with Maine federal, state or non-profit organizations to perpetuate the MCC's mission by recruiting and training volunteers, accomplishing conservation projects and continually developing personal skill sets.

Location: The MCC office is located in Hallowell, Maine. Training typically takes place in the Hallowell area. After training, Veteran Community Leaders are placed at service sites throughout Maine

Time Commitment:

- **February 11, 2013 - December 20, 2013**
- 40 hours per week
- Monday-Friday with overnights during training; some weekends and overnights maybe required after training, depending on placement and host site schedules

Qualifications:

- Must have served in the US Armed Forces and have a DD 214
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be a US Citizen and **Maine resident**
- Must pass criminal and sex offender background checks
- Eligibility for AmeriCorps and ability to complete term of service

Essential Functions:

- Have the ability to live and perform strenuous work under challenging conditions
- Have the desire to learn, serve others, and make a difference
- Excellent work ethic
- Good communication skills
- Interest in personal growth and in participating in on-going training
- Interest in accomplishing conservation project and leading volunteers

Desired Functions:

- Responsible and reliable
- Follows directions
- Possesses motivation and initiative

Key Responsibilities:

- Create new trails and rehabilitate existing trails
- Recruit, train and lead volunteers to create and improve recreational trail systems with a focus on recruiting and training other veterans as community volunteers
- Establish a sustainable, dedicated community volunteer base for your host site
- Develop plans for future conservation projects
- Complete all paperwork in a thorough and timely manner, including submission of timesheets and other forms required by the MCC.

- Represent the MCC and the host site organization in a professional and supportive manner.
- Adhere to the MCC drug free workplace policy.
- Other duties as assigned, not to include AmeriCorps prohibited activities

Typical Training Topics:

Driving Dynamics – Advanced First Aid Certification - Chainsaw Safety - Trail Design and Layout - Bridge Building - Stone Cutting - Stonework - Carpentry - Griphoist and Rigging - Conflict Resolution, Diversity, and Communication - Leadership - Volunteer Management - Grant Writing

Benefits:

- Weekly Living Allowance of \$260 (less taxes)
- Food and Housing during training
- Health Insurance
- AmeriCorps Education Award
- Student Loan Forbearance (if eligible)
- Child Care Reimbursement (if eligible)
- State Park Pass
- Pro-deals & Gear Discounts
- Additional Training/Education Opportunities
- Networking and leadership opportunities

Application Deadline: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

For information and application:

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