

Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Summer AmeriCorps Position Description

The AmeriCorps member will assist in the planning and implementation of environmental education and recreational programs for youth ages 4-18 years. These will include programs for schools, youth groups, summer camps, adventure days, child care centers and the general public. Programs take place at Hartman Reserve and other Black Hawk county park locations. Members will have the opportunity to collaborate with related natural resource agencies and organizations.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Research, plan and implement innovative, experiential learning activities for targeted age groups.
 - Summer camp programs: Most summer camps are day-long or multiple day camps. Camps have contemporary themes to be attractive to youth and help learn how science is a part of their everyday lives. Youth have the opportunity to be engaged and independent, yet participate with others in team activities.
 - Schools, youth groups, child care centers, youth-serving non-profits, and public programs
- Meet conservation's educational goals of helping youth:
 - Increase their knowledge of science topics, allowing them to advance in grade level and develop a curiosity of the natural world.
 - Learn to value a healthy natural environment and how the natural world can co-exist with the build world without being harmed.
- Participate in natural resource management activities and hands on learning that will encourage them to become life-long stewards of the land.
- Organize recreational activities that encourage youth to become active and enjoy being outdoors. Youth will learn to master life-long skills such as kayaking, archery, and camping.
- Partner with other natural resource organizations to share information, current research, and educational resources.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Provide assistance and advise conservation Naturalist on program development.
- Assist in the management of the HRNC office.
- Assist in park management maintenance tasks.
- Participate in county staff meetings, planning sessions and any required trainings.

Length of service/wage:

Service will be from May to August, hours will vary and will include some weekends and non-standard hours (A minimum of 450 hours required) starting date is flexible to meet needs of member and program schedule of BHCC. Members will receive a living stipend of \$3,780 as well as an educational award of \$1638.98 subject to successful completion of the program.

Please send a cover letter and a resume to:

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