

# Hartman Reserve Nature Center

## Fall/Spring 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, 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 science experiential learning activities for targeted age groups.
  - Schools, youth groups, child care centers, public programs and youth-serving non-profit organizations.
- Research and produce virtual learning opportunities for children, adults and families.
- 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 and archery.
- Partner with other natural resource organizations to share information, current research, and educational resources.

### Additional Responsibilities:

- Provide assistance and advise conservation Naturalists 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 September to May, hours will vary and will include some weekends and non-standard hours (A minimum of 920 hours required) starting date is flexible to meet needs of member and program schedule of BHCC. Members will receive a living stipend of \$7,408 as well as an educational award of \$3,047.50 subject to successful completion of the program.

Please send a cover letter and a resume to:

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