



## CAC AmeriCorps

Position Description

**AmeriCorps Member**



**Dates of Service:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Partner:** National Park Service

**Location of Service:** Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
107 Park Headquarters Rd, Gatlinburg TN 37738

**Supervisor:** Supervisory Forester

### **About CAC AmeriCorps:**

Established in 1994, CAC AmeriCorps is a proud AmeriCorps subgrantee that combines elements of traditional conservation practice with community action that informs our service and places it in the broader context of East Tennessee. Our AmeriCorps members improve public lands, educate the public, address pressing human needs, and build volunteer capacity to enhance the ability of our partners to get things done. We are committed to human and environmental justice in the region we call home through enduring acts of service.

### **Position Summary:**

The CAC AmeriCorps member serving with the National Park Service in this position will be involved in vital forest health management activities including treating hemlocks for hemlock woolly adelgid, treating ash trees for emerald ash borer, monitoring and detection surveys, exotic plant removal and restoration activities at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Team members will apply pesticide treatments, collect data using GPS and tablets, and occasionally help supervise volunteer groups removing exotic plants. Restoration of native meadows in former agricultural leases and high elevation grassy balds is also included in summer activities.

This opportunity will provide the member with an opportunity to become very familiar with National Park Service work environment, visitor interactions, and with technical skills in forestry and ecological restoration. Training offered includes search and rescue, wildland fire, state pesticide applicator, operational leadership, mower, string trimmer and chainsaw operation and forest crown rating protocols. The data collected by the AmeriCorps team and the work accomplished will provide valuable information for forest health practices in the National Park as well as preserving and protecting park ecosystems for future generations.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

### **Education**

Minimum CAC AmeriCorps Qualifications:

- All CAC AmeriCorps positions require, at minimum, that our members be at least 18 years old at the start of service, and have completed high school or received a GED.

Site Preferences:

- Associates Degree in Forestry, Biology, Botany, Environmental Science or Related Field.

### **Position Expectations & Requirements**

Minimum CAC AmeriCorps Expectations

- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require attendance of an orientation at the start of service, monthly corps meetings, service days, and other all-corps activities.
- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require that you serve a full-time schedule.
- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require that members wear AmeriCorps branded uniform gear and safety equipment during service.
- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require that members be able to get to and from their service site reliably, and in a timely manner.
- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require that members be able to serve effectively both independently and within the context of a team.
- CAC AmeriCorps environmental positions require that all members be able to be able to take direction and perform their service with relative independence with site supervision provided on a weekly basis in either a one-on-one or group setting and intermittent contact from the CAC AmeriCorps office.

Site Preferences:

- Ability to navigate uneven terrain, work in challenging weather conditions, apply pesticides safely and work with a diverse crew.

### **Member Benefits Include:**

- A modest living allowance of \$14,000, or, \$595.74 bi-weekly (pre-tax), paid over 47 weeks.
- Education Award of \$6,345 that can be applied to student loans and/or future education expenses.
- A Health insurance subsidy is available for members covered through healthcare.gov
- Worker's Compensation
- Child Care Reimbursement
- May be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In-house SNAP benefits specialist available to provide assistance in determining eligibility.
- May be eligible for utility bill assistance. In house specialists available to provide assistance with determining eligibility.
- Staff assistance with identifying housing. Housing, inclusive of utilities, is generally between

\$400-\$500 in a shared housing scenario, which is what is highly recommended.

- Professional development and networking opportunities.
- Optional opportunity to enroll concurrently in Carson Newman MBA in Nonprofit Leadership

**Equity and Inclusion:** The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will take action to ensure that members and employees are treated equally without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, gender, romantic/sexual orientation, age, handicap, cultural or religious convictions. CAC AmeriCorps provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodation at any point in the recruitment / employment process.

