



2000 HALF ST SW WASHINGTON, DC 20024

Eagle Corps AmeriCorps Position Description

Position Start Date: October 2, 2023

Position End Date: March 8, 2024

Days / Hours of Service:

Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4pm

September-March: 300 hours of Service

Members will receive a daily 30 min lunch break that does not count toward the term of service.

Organizational Overview:

Earth Conservation Corps is a nonprofit youth development and environmental service organization located on the heavily polluted Anacostia River and in one of our nation's most disadvantaged communities, Southeast Washington, DC. Since 1989, Earth Conservation Corps has provided disadvantaged young people ages 15 – 25 with professional development and environmental training, while motivating their completion of service restoring the Anacostia River.

Earth Conservation Corps seeks a creative, self-motivated individual with experience leading youth enrichment activities and an environmental service ethic to continue a history of success.

Position Description Overview: *Reports to: Program Manager*

Eagle Corps members service will take place between the Matthew Henson Center, The Monique Johnson Center, and the Wings Over America Campus. The Eagle Corps will have the opportunity to kick-off their service by engaging in environmental restoration, construction trades and soft skills development through the design and build for the Oasis Reserve Youth Training Project. Located on the Wings Campus, this 8-week project will allow AmeriCorps members to work alongside professional contractors to create an outdoor campground and environmental education center. Earth Conservation Corps will train referred youth in renovating existing structures as an environmental learning, birds-of-prey rehabilitation, and green jobs training center. Members will be organized into teams and work with professional contractors with specialized focus areas such as; construction, roofing, concrete, solar and plumbing.

Member Initials : _____

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Eagle Corps will develop a working knowledge of raptors, with an emphasis on those native to the Anacostia watershed, learn basic and advanced handling and training techniques, and how to tell their story through Youth Media Arts. The ideal steward is a highly motivated, responsible, hardworking, self-starter who can work independently as a water quality steward. This position is a combination of hard physical work and leadership responsibilities as the position takes on the role of an ambassador for the river. The water quality steward must be a team player and work well with others. They will assist leading frequent raptor education sessions, which will include flight demonstrations to educate the public and DC youth on the importance of their environment and those that live there. Driver's license and driving experience preferred.

Service Locations:

Wings Over America: 3190 Oak Hill Dr. Oak Hill Dr. Laurel, MD 20724

Matthew Henson Center: 2000 Half St SW Washington, DC 20024

Monique Johnson Center: 1520 1st SE Washington, DC 20003

Service Location Overview:

Wings Campus

The Wings Campus located on District property in Laurel, MD is located within walking distance of three youth facilities, New Beginnings, the DC juvenile detention center, Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy, a high school dropout prevention program and Woodland Job Corps, a youth job training program. Adjacent to this property is the Little Patuxent River Bioreserve, a 250-acre riparian habitat of largely undisturbed river corridor that is protected under a perpetual conservation easement. This is also going to be where the Oasis Reserve campground will be constructed.

Eagle Corps members will serve as peer education leaders to 20 cadets enrolled in Earth Conservation Corps' Raptor Research and Conservation Program at The Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy. Raptor Research & Conservation is an after-school elective program that is focused on service, conservation, and STEM learning through the study of birds of prey or raptors also known as "falconry". There is a robust workforce development component as well as a hands-on service portion where the corps will lead the cadets in the continued construction of a 20x140 ft eagle aviary. Eagle Corps members will aid in the leadership and development of this education campus through hands-on action and raptor education.

Matthew Henson Center & Monique Johnson Center

Eagle Corps members will be responsible for reducing the disparity between minority youth and STEM learning through their service at these location sites by enhancing habitats, educating, and engaging community members in volunteer service, educating the public about conservation with media, and promoting this flagship conservation corps as a signature AmeriCorps program. Habitat enhancement/restoration will consist of sorting the trash into 13 categories and educating the public about trash pollution.

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Weight, count, and volume measurements will be recorded and sent to DOEE for data. Eagle Corps members will be documenting their data research and AmeriCorps experience through multimedia.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Participate in renovating existing structures on Wings Campus as an environmental learning, birds-of-prey rehabilitation and green jobs training center for the Oasis Reserve Project.
- Engage in hands-on training that includes; construction, roofing, concrete, plumbing, landscaping and solar installation.
- Construct tent platforms, erect dome tents, install solar technology, engage in painting, landscaping and fence building for the new Oasis Reserve campsite.
- Present educational raptor presentations to DC youth and cadets of Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy alongside our Raptor Team Coordinator.
- Responsible for daily raptor maintenance and upkeep including feeding, weighing, flying, etc. and for the raptors assigned to you.
- Learn about AmeriCorps and Earth Conservation Corps and be able to articulate both to the general public whenever doing any raptor presentations.
- Use your knowledge of raptors, AmeriCorps, And Earth Conservation Corps to give raptor presentations at DC United Home Game Days and spread awareness of the environmental impact we have on our planet and the lives of the raptors.
- Record and share service-learning activities using video and other multimedia.
- Documenting your story daily using camera, video, audio, and other multimedia.

Member Benefits

During the Service Term, member will receive the following benefits:

- Members will receive a living allowance in the form of a fixed bi-weekly stipend.
- Hands on training through the Oasis Reserve Construction Training Program that includes construction, roofing, concrete, plumbing and solar installation.
- Safety briefings will be held on location every morning (by licensed contractors and Earth Conservation Corps staff) before the start of the day to include (but not limited to); lifting, overexertion, hydration, using PPE, knowing what to do in an emergency, and other precautions for a clean and safe worksite depending on scope of work for specific day
- Hands on training in how to properly care for and man a raptor safely and responsibly, along with basic raptor education.
- Training in media including how to record video and audio, edit, manage, and upload footage to multimedia platforms.
- Soft skills development related to public speaking, personal and professional growth, resume building, mock interviews, and learn the importance of equity, inclusion, and project management/leadership.

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Upon completion of the Service Term, members will receive the following benefits:

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- Members will receive an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$1,459.26 upon completion of 300 hours of service.
- First Aid and CPR certification.
- Members will receive continued support from Earth Conservation Corps with the following soft skills:
 - Mentoring & Career Planning Support
 - Resume Building & Review
 - Job Coaching & Referrals.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong interest in raptors, media, team leading, and/or the environment.
- Ability to lift 40 lbs.
- Willingness to serve in all types of weather conditions: (**rain, heat, wind, and cold**).
- Willingness to learn, teach, and share with fellow members and community.
- Past raptor handling, and environmental education is a plus.
- Past marketing, social media experience, or community engagement is a plus.

Prohibited Activities:

Member will not engage in any prohibited activities per the MSA and/or Member Handbook.

Member Signature:

Supervisor Signature:
