



Seattle Parks and Recreation Americorps Position – Summer Program Service Leader

Seattle Summer Youth Program: the City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation is initiating a Summer Program in West and North Seattle for youth transitioning from middle school to high school. Youth are paid a stipend of \$599 for their participation in the program

General Summary:

Americorps participants will work with a community of young people between their 8th and 9th grade year who reflect the demographic and ethnic diversity of their neighborhoods. Seventy-five percent of the young people will have experienced some risk factors. Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work closely with the Project Leaders and Site Managers to conduct and implement Program activities.
- Coordinate and facilitate enrichment related programming with designated stakeholders and partners.
- Plan and facilitate weekly workshops specifically focusing youth enrichment activities
- Serve as mentors and team leader for participants
- Serve on various SYP committees
- Provide mentoring services for participants
- Participate in program tracking and evaluation activities

The Summer Youth Program offers participants a unique 5 week paid summer experience that includes personal development, environmental stewardship and sustainability, community building, and creativity and arts activities and programs. The structured after school programming builds upon urban concepts which are then experienced firsthand during urban restoration projects and outdoor expeditions For more information on the program, go to the website:

www.seattle.gov/parks/summerprogramserviceleader

Americorps Member Responsibilities: The Americorps member will work with program staff in all aspects of the planning, facilitation, and evaluation of the program. Americorps members will be expected to assist and plan and facilitate service learning projects.

Qualifications:

- 18 – 25 years old.
- Bachelor's degree preferred
- Experience working with diverse inner-city populations
- Previous volunteer experience highly desirable
- Current CPR / First Aid certification. Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certificate preferred.
- Experience with a host of outdoor activities, which include but are not limited to Backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, canoeing, sailing, kayaking Snowshoeing and camping.
- Self motivated and independent worker.
- Willingness to work in an outdoor environment, often during inclement weather,
- Available to work weekends.

Length of Service: June 15th – August 15

Start Time: 1st term 6/16 – 8/1
2nd term 7/1 – 8/14

Compensation:

- \$950 per month living allowance
- Education Award – Upon completion of terms of service, Americorps member will receive \$4,725 education award.
- Health Insurance
- Workers' Compensation
- Student Loan Forbearance

To Apply:

Please send cover letter and resume to:
Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation
c/o Mickey Fearn
100 Dexter Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98109

Or e-mail cover letter and resume to mickey.fearn@seattle.gov

Applications due by: June 12, 2009