

VHCB AmeriCorps

Summer Nature Camp Instructor

North Branch Nature Center Montpelier, VT



This position is part of the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board AmeriCorps (VHCB AmeriCorps). The VHCB AmeriCorps program supports the innovative dual-goal approach to creating stable affordable housing opportunities for Vermont residents while preserving the natural and working landscape. VHCB is a national service program that places AmeriCorps members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

The North Branch Nature Center is a nonprofit dedicated to connecting people of all ages to the natural world, by offering natural history programs to residents and visitors to Central Vermont. The primary responsibility of the AmeriCorps member will be to co-develop and teach summer day camps.

Essential Duties of Position:

- Co-develop and teach summer day camps, including aftercare, for children ages 4-14
- Mentoring teen Counselors-in-training

Marginal Duties of Position:

- Participating in staff meetings, facilities maintenance shared by all staff, as relevant to AmeriCorps service and within AmeriCorps rules and regulations and answering the phone.

Desired Qualifications:

- Some teaching experience and strong public speaking skills
- High comfort level working outside with groups
- General knowledge of New England natural history
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong organizational skills and work ethic
- Self-starter with strong initiative and follow through
- A bachelor's degree in education, natural resources, or a related field
- Willingness to comply with federal regulations requiring us to do a background check on Americorps Members working with children.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status (call with questions about this);
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation (there is no upper age limit), or 17 years of age with written parental permission that has been verified by phone;
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards their GED as part of service-year. A candidate may not drop out of high school to join AmeriCorps. If a member has a documented medical reason/professional opinion why they cannot finish high school, they might be eligible; call in this case;
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo an National Service Criminal History Check

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- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program, and its ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.
- Willingness to participate in support and collaborate with fellow VHCB AmeriCorps members, and members from other AmeriCorps Programs.
- Willingness to participate in a self-designed Independent Service Project and other VHCB AmeriCorps Program Initiatives.

Additional Information:

Service is to be performed primarily outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Service will require frequent hikes over uneven and steep terrain.

Position begins June 10, 2019 and ends August 23rd, 2019.

This position is: (check one)

Full Time: Requires 1,700 hours and serves approximately 40 hours per week for 11 months. Member will receive a living allowance of \$17,850 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$5,815 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

Quarter Time: Requires 450 hours of service. Member will receive a living allowance of \$4,735 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1,538 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

Minimum Time: Requires 300 hours of service. Member will receive a living allowance of \$3,150 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1,231 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

Half Time: Requires 900 hours and serves approximately 20 hours per week for 11 months. Member will receive a living allowance of \$9,450 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$2,908 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

This position (check one) **does** **does not** have recurring access to vulnerable populations (youth, persons over 60, individuals with disabilities).

To Apply: Contact Carrie Riker, 713 Elm Street, Montpelier, VT, 802-229-6206, carrie@northbranchnaturecenter.org

Application deadline: **Application open until filled**

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.

The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB) is sponsoring this AmeriCorps position through their AmeriCorps Program. VHCB is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions are open to all applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran's status, religion or creed.



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