

## Summer Nature Camp Instructor

**North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, VT**



*Do you have a passion for the wonders of the natural world? Put your passion into practice! Join North Branch Nature Center in inspiring and teaching children ages 4-14 during our summer camp offerings.*

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 AmeriCorps is a national service program that places members with non-profit housing or land and energy conservation organizations around the state.

NBNC's mission is to connect people to the natural world. Our vision is a world in which people learn, teach, and play together in nature supporting healthy, resilient communities and ecosystems. The goal of the Summer Nature Camp Instructor position is to help us provide experiential and informational programs through our summer camp program.

### Essential Functions:

- Co-develop and teach summer day camp programs (including aftercare) for children ages 4-14.
- Mentor teen Leaders-in-Training
- Uphold NBNC's commitment to promoting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI)
- Participate in all VHCB AmeriCorps Trainings, Service Days, Events, and Program Initiatives.
- Engage in professional and personal development activities and networking opportunities.

### Secondary Functions:

- Develop and implement special projects related to environmental education, as time allows
- Facilities maintenance shared by all staff, as relevant to AmeriCorps Service and within guidelines.

### Desired Qualifications:

- A love of nature and interacting with children
- Some teaching experience and strong public speaking skills
- General knowledge of New England natural history
- Ability to serve independently and as part of a team
- Strong organizational skills and service ethic

### Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen or have permanent resident status;
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation or 17 years of age with verified parental permission;



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- Be a high school graduate, have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards a GED as part of the service-term. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps.
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check;
- Be committed to the VHCB AmeriCorps program's ethic of service, appreciation of diversity, and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in all required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way.
- Available to regularly serve 40 hours per week

## Additional Information:

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

Position begins May 20, 2024 and ends August 16, 2024.

This position is **Quarter Time**: Requires 460 hours of service for an average of 40 hours per week for 13 weeks. Member will receive a living allowance of \$6,880 (pre-tax), a monthly housing allowance of \$300, for a total compensation of **\$8,080** for the term. Member will receive an education award of \$1,824.07 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service.

Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training and networking opportunities.

**To Apply:** <https://vhcb.org/our-programs/vhcb-ameri-corps/positions>

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

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Application deadline: No later than March 22, 2024. Applications accepted on a rolling basis; open until filled

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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