

Position Description Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership

Position Title: Youth Education Programs Coordinator
Host Site: Tahoe Rim Trail Association
Site Supervisor: Morgan Steel, Executive Director
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Service Commitment: SNAP AmeriCorps members are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, SNAP, and AmeriCorps. Members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve a nonprofit organization or public agency in the Sierra Nevada. **The SNAP Term of Service is from April 8, 2019 - September 22, 2019. Time Commitment: 900 hours total, approximately 40 hours per week.**

Position Location: The Tahoe Rim Trail Association office is located in Stateline, Nevada on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The South Shore area of Lake Tahoe includes Stateline as well as South Lake Tahoe and the community of Meyers on the California side. Within these areas, you have dozens of beach resorts, the ski resorts of Heavenly and Kirkwood and, of course, a world-class trail system for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Stateline, NV is approximately three hours from Sacramento, CA and one hour from Reno, NV.

Organization Description: The Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRTA) is the primary steward of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT), a system of nearly 200 miles of single track trail open to hikers, bikers, and equestrians. The TRTA's mission is to maintain and enhance the Tahoe Rim Trail system, practice and inspire stewardship and preserve access to the natural beauty of the Lake Tahoe region. The TRTA works tirelessly to provide a world-class trail experience for over 440,000 users annually so that everyone can experience Tahoe's iconic landscapes, charismatic fauna, and captivating flora today and in the future!

Program Description: The Youth Education Programs Coordinator is responsible for assisting with all youth programs related to the TRTA including but not limited to educational hikes, school programs, Youth Backcountry Camps, and service learning workdays. The incumbent is given the opportunity to work with youth, community members and volunteers through the development, coordination, and facilitation of TRTA Youth Education programs. For this six month AmeriCorps position, the member will primarily focus on the Youth Backcountry Camp program serving as an instructor for four-day backpacking trips for youth and organizing logistics, working with partner organizations, and coordinating with parents. Additionally, the member will organize trail building workdays for local youth.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age, or older
- Because this position requires driving, applicants must be 21+
- Ability and willingness to undergo a federal criminal background check is required
- Must have a valid driver's license and clean driving record
- Effective communication skills with people of diverse ages and backgrounds
- Must be able to communicate clearly and consistently with TRTA staff
- Possess an enthusiastic, hardworking, flexible and positive attitude
- Experience with program facilitation for youth (K-12)
- Background in Environmental/Outdoor Education, Environmental Science or demonstrated interest/commitment
- Interest and experience in experiential education, backpacking, wilderness survival, ecology and Leave No Trace
- Ability to work weekends, evenings, and holidays.
- Motivation, stamina, and ability to work up to 12 hours a day in the field teaching youth groups, carrying a backpack with up to 40 lbs. for five miles.
- Experience with basic computer programs including the Microsoft Office Suite

Desired Qualifications:

- First Aid or Wilderness First Aid certified
- Lifeguard certification
- Knowledge and understanding of Leave No Trace principals
- Spanish language proficiency

Additional Benefits: In addition to SNAP Member Benefits, the TRTA will provide an additional housing stipend of \$1,500 (\$250/month).

Website: www.tahoerimtrail.org