

# Summer of Service 2012



## Description of UNM Undergraduate Position: Field Facilitator June 4-July 13, 2012

**Program description:** Earth Force, UNM's Research Service-Learning Program and Belen and Albuquerque community partners are providing 100 youth from Valencia and Bernalillo County areas the opportunity to partake in a summer of service. In this effort to meaningfully engage our youth in their community, we will be focusing on the issues of food and water as experienced through four local sites. The Earth Force service-learning model is used to empower youth to identify and address local community and environmental issues and assets. We are hiring two Field Facilitators. The Field Facilitator will receive \$2000.

### **Larger Objectives of Summer of Service:**

1. Involve 100 5<sup>th</sup>-9th grade students in 150 hours of service-learning. The program runs from June 4- July 13, M-F, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., plus additional time for training and staff meetings. There is also a mandatory training session March 23-24 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Belen
2. Provide students opportunities to examine various aspects of literacy, using multiple "texts."
3. Provide insight and mentorship to students, to enhance a successful high school career and guide them towards college studies.
4. Increase engagement in community and understanding of causes of environmental issues, particularly those related to food and our watershed.

**Responsibilities of Field Facilitator:** We are looking for a highly motivated undergraduate to assist Earth Force staff and teachers in supporting the Summer of Service program at Whitfield Conservation Center in Belen and at an Open Space site in Albuquerque. You should be excited about working on community issues with students and community members. Moreover, you should be able to utilize a local riparian ecosystem (WCC) to engage students in a critical inquiry of food as it relates to the larger systems of the environment and culture. The method of inquiry shared with students should utilize the Earth Force Process, moving students through the six critical steps in the six weeks of Summer of Service. The field facilitator will be responsible for leading students on outdoor field exercises over rough trails and uneven ground, as well as assisting in classroom activities directed by the SOS teaching staff.

### **Requirements of the candidate:**

1. Demonstrated interest in working with older elementary and middle school students.
2. Demonstrated interest in working on important community issues.
3. Skilled in building community partners as supporters and learning resources.
4. Ability to commit to working for the structured 150 hours of SOS, plus additional time to plan.
5. Must be able to attend Earth Force training dates (Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 2012).
6. Must be able to provide own transportation to Belen working site.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

1. Experience with environmental issues involving food, water, and/or agriculture.
2. Experience working with K-12 students.
3. Experience with community-based concerns.

### **Application process:**

Please provide a cover letter addressing your interest and qualifications, as well as a CV including the names of three references by **January 30, 2012 by 5:00 PM. Submit completed materials to:**

Sierra Netz at [sierranetz@gmail.com](mailto:sierranetz@gmail.com) and Dan Young at [dyoung@unm.edu](mailto:dyoung@unm.edu).

Candidates will be contacted by February 3<sup>rd</sup> to attend an informational session scheduled for February 13th or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, followed by an interview if selected. Final selections will be made by **February 29, 2012.**