



Position Description

Type of Position: LINKS AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: Sept. 2009 through June 1, 2010. Flexible.

Length of Term: Approx. 15 hours per week for 9 months. 675 hours total.

Interviews: Applicants are interviewed & placed on an on-going basis until positions are filled. Interviews are underway.

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Position Title: Tryon Creek Ecology Field (TCEF) Team Leader (1 position)

Project Sponsor: Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, Tryon Creek Ecology Field (TCEF) Team (www.tryonfriends.org)

Sponsoring Organization's Mission: To conserve and enhance the natural resources, and promote the educational programs of Tryon Creek State Park.

Project Location: 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, OR 97219

Transportation Information: One-mile walk from bus line #38

Position: Summary: The TCEF Team Leader will work with Friends of Tryon Creek Staff to create a field ecology program for high school students. This program will be based on a strong service learning model which encourages student participation in creating and executing restoration projects at Tryon Creek State Park. These projects may include the construction, maintenance, and monitoring of brush check dams on seasonal tributaries, surveys of nesting sites for significant species found in the park, or restoration of native plants in areas impacted by non-native invasive plant species. These are just 3 examples out of many opportunities for students to learn about local ecology through the process of protecting park habitats.

General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

1. Recruit participants, assist with Team training, direct restoration activities and monitor TCEF Team projects.
2. Complete and submit all necessary LINKS AmeriCorps Program paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
3. Attend and complete LINKS AmeriCorps Program orientation and enrollment session.
4. Wear an appropriate LINKS identifier and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

Requirements:

1. Able to walk up to 5 miles a day over rough terrain.
2. Must be at least 20 years of age.
3. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
4. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
5. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
6. Submit to a criminal history background check and National Sex Offender Registry search.
7. Regular and reliable attendance.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Desire to work with High School students.
2. Demonstrated level of maturity that will allow them to work as a true leader and compassionate mentor for up to 8 students at one time.
3. Knowledge of local ecology, flora and fauna.

Member Benefits Include:

- Free housing may be arranged.
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$1,800. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay a portion of the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- CORE Interpretive Training and certification from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.
- Opportunity to attend Master Watershed Stewards training and certification.

How to apply:

Step 1 - Email your résumé to links.recruitment@esd112.org and to Stephanie@tryonfriends.org.

Step 2 - Complete your application online at the AmeriCorps website. [AmeriCorps Application](#)

1. If you do not already have a username and password, you must create a profile. [Create A Profile](#)
2. Once you have created a profile, log in and complete an application by clicking “Applications” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu.
3. To apply to this specific position, click “Search Listings” under the “My AmeriCorps” menu and search for program name **LINKS**.
4. Select the position listing and click “Apply Now” at the bottom of the page.

Questions about the project? Contact: Stephanie Wagner, Education Director, 503-636-4398, stephanie@tryonfriends.org.

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Unable to Apply On-line? Click here: <http://www.esd112.org/links/resources.html>.