



*AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps*

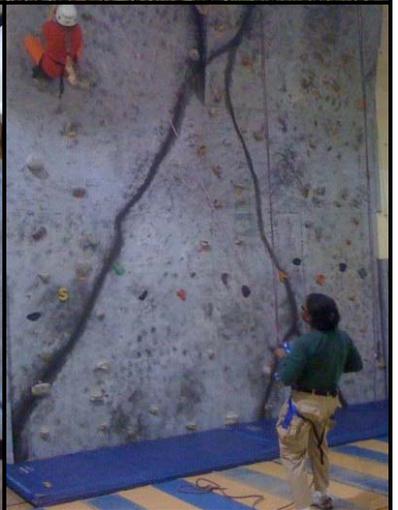
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## Important Notes:

- Our Program Office is seeking projects in **10** states; Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- We are concentrating on developing disaster related projects, although projects in all our service areas are encouraged to apply!
- 2013-2014 will mark the **20th** year anniversary for AmeriCorps NCCC.
- This year the Pacific Region has approximately **300** members and **28** teams!

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*Front Cover, clockwise : Team Blue Four poses for a picture, ready to start work, rain or shine. A Corps Member from Gold Three removes invasive species on Catalina Island. Silver Four hard at work at Bishops' Ranch. Gold One Team Leader, Asya, belays a camper at Sly Park Science Camp.*

## New Comer to NCCC?



AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a 10-month, full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18 to 24 years of age who want to get ahead and leave their mark on society. NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. See the article ***Want a Team to Help YOU?*** for more information.

*Nicole, from Gold 2, working at the Sacramento Zoo.*

## Greetings from the Deputy Region Director for Programming

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new Deputy Region Director for Programming (DRDP) here at the Pacific Region and have been in this position since mid-September 2011. I am an alumna of the NCCC program having served both as a member and team leader at the former NCCC Western Region campus located in San Diego, CA. Over the last twelve years, I have served in a variety of field and headquarters staff roles also with the NCCC program. I am excited to be here and feel fortunate to have this opportunity to work with the fabulous Pacific Region staff and the young adults currently serving in our program, as well as with all of the great sponsors and communities that host our teams and guide them in the service they perform on a daily basis.

Now that the holiday season and month of December is upon us, it means our 28 teams are getting ready to wrap up their first round projects and return to campus for the holiday break on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It's been a great round so far, and our members have performed some amazing service throughout our ten state region.

Just a reminder that while we have selected our second round projects beginning on January 9, 2012, we are still looking for project applications and project concept forms for our upcoming third (mid-March to mid-May) and fourth (end of May to mid-July) rounds. If you are interested in having an NCCC team serve your organization please refer to the specific application deadlines on page seven.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Szeliga  
Deputy Region Director for Programming  
AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region

## AmeriCorps NCCC Days of Service

The NCCC Pacific Region participates in a number of regionally and/or nationally recognized Days of Service throughout the Corps year. NCCC members participate in service events honoring each of these days, both when serving locally in the Sacramento area and while on Spike (serving away from campus).

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Typically, NCCC staff develops and implements events for members serving in the Sacramento area, while teams in other parts of the region are responsible for arranging plans to mark the day in the community in which they are serving. Contact your Assistant Program Director (APD) with any questions or ideas for any of the following service day events.



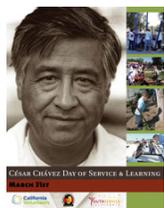
**9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance** takes place annually on September 11. All Americans are encouraged to voluntarily support charitable causes, perform good deeds and engage in service activities in observance of the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks (<http://911dayofservice.org/>). The 35 Pacific Region Team Leaders honored this day by serving with the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento to assist in the event “2011 – Decade of Remembrance.” The event was to pay tribute to all the various heroes of September 11, 2001. Class 18 Team Leaders provided logistical support prior to, throughout, and after the event and had the opportunity to pay tribute to the September 11th heroes.



**Make A Difference Day** takes place annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October. Created by USA Weekend Magazine, it's the most encompassing national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors (<http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday>). The entire NCCC Pacific Region Corps honored this day on October 22, 2011 with community garden maintenance and improvement/creation projects throughout the Sacramento area, sponsored by Sacramento Area Community Garden Coalition.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service** takes place annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January and empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, addresses social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a “Beloved Community.” The King Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off” – (<http://www.mlkday.gov>). NCCC Pacific Region teams will honor this day on January 16, wherever they be serving throughout the region for their Round 2 projects.



**César Chávez Day of Service and Learning** takes place annually on March 31 to promote service to the community in honor of the life and work of César E. Chávez. Chávez was a civil rights, Latino, farm worker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; and an environmentalist and consumer advocate ([www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/Cesar\\_Chavez\\_Day/](http://www.californiavolunteers.org/index.php/Cesar_Chavez_Day/)). The NCCC Pacific Region will honor this day throughout the region, wherever teams are serving their Round 3 projects.



**Global Youth Service Day** takes place annually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April and is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, it is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in over 100 countries ([www.gysd.org](http://www.gysd.org)). The NCCC Pacific Region will honor this day throughout the region (wherever teams are serving their Round 3 projects), including a planned service project in Sacramento.



**AmeriCorps Week** is a recruitment and recognition event designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible ([www.americorpsweek.gov](http://www.americorpsweek.gov)). The entire NCCC Pacific Region Corps will participate in service and recognition events throughout our region. This year we will celebrate AmeriCorps Week in the Spring of 2012.



**End of Year All-Corps Day of Service** takes place annually during the Corps' final transition leading into Graduation and brings together the Pacific Region Corps for their final day of service of the year. The event provides the opportunity for to reflect and celebrate the accomplishments of their year while giving back to the Sacramento area community one last time as NCCC members. The entire NCCC Pacific Region Corps will serve together in Sacramento for their end of year project on Saturday, July 14, 2010.

## NCCC Member Corner

**ELIZABETH CODER SERVED AS A TEAM LEADER IN CLASS XVII AND HAS RETURNED TO SERVE AS THE BLUE UNIT SUPPORT TEAM LEADER FOR CLASS XVIII. DURING TEAM LEADER TRAINING ELIZABETH WAS SENT ON A DISASTER RELIEF PROJECT.**

In October of 2011, I had the opportunity to serve on a disaster composite team, responding to the wildfires in central Texas. Within 24 hours of receiving the call, I left Team Leader Training in Sacramento and arrived in Spicewood, Texas, about an hour northwest of Austin. Our Texas team was comprised of second year Team Leaders, four from the Denver campus and I from the Sacramento campus, all ready to get things done for Spicewood and the 200 plus evacuees that were effected by the 6,500 acre wildfire.

We spent almost two weeks in Spicewood helping the local disaster relief organization prepare to hand over the relief efforts to the long term recovery committee led by local community members. We did evacuee assessments, created databases to match families with community resources, sorted clothing and food donations, managed volunteers, and helped clean up several properties. Some had only a few damaged trees, but there were many families that lost everything. One of the most powerful memories I have of my time in Texas is when we helped to clear the property of a man named David who lost his home. We arrived on site to find no resemblance of a house, just a pile of rubble that was once a home full of keepsakes and memories that had collapsed and then burned beyond recognition. As we sifted through the debris, he asked us to keep anything that remotely resembled the home and the life he once knew. Over the course of several days, we collected a small pile of silverware, dishes, and other trinkets that somehow managed to survive. During our time with David, our team cleared out over 10 tons of debris, leaving nothing but a cement foundation, symbolic of the clean slate on which the homeowner could start to rebuild. It is a time in my life I won't soon forget.

While a disaster may not directly effect a sponsoring organization thousands of miles away, if their NCCC team is called to respond and leaves the project early, it can understandably be frustrating and challenging for the organization who was counting on the team's service. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." In this case, that small group of thoughtful, committed citizens is an AmeriCorps NCCC team and, if called on to serve in times of disaster, they are changing the world for countless people in its aftermath.



*Top of Page: Elizabeth's team and homeowner, David. Bottom Right: Stephen, Elizabeth, and Alex, after a day of disaster relief work.*

*Right: Elizabeth standing with collected debris at David's home.*



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Teams serve with local and national organizations, providing an infusion of resources and leading volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and hundreds of other organizations. These dedicated and energetic young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs. A flexible program structure allows for partnership with organizations that might lack the capacity to manage grant programs and for strategic collaboration with other national service programs to magnify the impact on the communities served.

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## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MONTANA SINCE 2000

- ★ Over 86,170 service hours on more than 35 projects
- ★ Service valued at over \$1.7 million
- ★ More than 600 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ Approximately 49,800 acres of land in which fire was suppressed or contained
- ★ Over 1,420 acres of brush or undergrowth removed to prevent fires

## SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Rural Dynamics Inc.
- ★ Camp Marshall
- ★ Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission
- ★ Montana Area VIII Agency on Aging
- ★ Musselshell Valley Community Foundation

*AmeriCorps has restored my faith in the work ethic of America's young people. We accomplished in 7 weeks what would have taken 5 to 10 years with our usual supply of volunteers. AmeriCorps is a great way to train and prepare young people for real-world work, and disaster relief.*

**-Julie Sisler  
Camp Marshall**

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Montana



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## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OREGON SINCE 2000

- \* Over 274,360 service hours on more than 100 projects
- \* Service valued at over \$5.6 million
- \* More than 5,265 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- \* Over 1,060 acres of wildlife habitats restored or protected
- \* More than 1,240 students supported in extra curricular programming
- \* More than 325 at risk youth assisted

## SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- \* Columbia County Floor Relief
- \* The Oregon Garden Foundation
- \* South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
- \* Caldera
- \* YWCA of Greater Portland
- \* Habitat for Humanity – Portland / Metro East
- \* The Nature Conservancy of Oregon
- \* Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council and Willamette Council
- \* Creswell School District #40

*NCCC is a fantastic program that is invaluable to nonprofits who work with only grants and donations as income. The abilities of the teams fill in nicely with volunteers and students from the high school as we work to accomplish such a wide variety of goals.*

**-Carol Beckley, Executive Director  
Elkton Community Education Center**

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Oregon

# Life After AmeriCorps Day

The NCCC Pacific Region is hosting a Life After AmeriCorps (LAA) Conference for our Corps Members and Team Leaders March 15th near Sacramento, CA. In addition to career and education planning workshops throughout the day, we'll be holding a Life After AmeriCorps Opportunity Fair to encourage Members to explore varied career and volunteer opportunities for their future endeavors.

If you would like to attend or participate in our LAA event, please contact *Mary Aurora Grandinetti*, Program Office Support Team Leader, by close of business Friday, February 11, 2012.

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## Want a Team to Help YOU?

NCCC teams, made up of 9–12 members, address needs related to our 5 focus areas: **NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTERS, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION, ENERGY CONSERVATION, AND URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.** These dedicated and energetic young adults, trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and wildland firefighting (each year a percentage of eligible members are trained as Type II Firefighters), spend their service term helping citizens, preparing for/responding to natural and other disasters, and serving communities by constructing and rehabilitating housing, building trails, cleaning up streams, and addressing other pressing local needs through direct service.

Rounds typically last six to eight weeks. Project sponsors can be nonprofit and faith-based organizations, government entities (federal, state, and local), public and private schools and universities, and Native American Tribal Councils.

### EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS THROUGHOUT OUR REGION HAVE INCLUDED:

- CONSTRUCTION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING
- FUELS REDUCTION AND PRESCRIBED BURNING
- IN-CLASSROOM TUTORING AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING SUPPORT
- CAMP IMPROVEMENTS AND SUMMER PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE
- TAX PREPARATION FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES
- TRAIL BUILDING WITH LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS
- FOOD BANK PROGRAM SUPPORT
- GENERAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS
- FLOOD RESPONSE AND ALL OTHER DISASTER –RELATED PROJECTS

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*you would like*  
***the full Class XVIII***  
***REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS***  
***(RFP)***

REQUESTING TEAM(S) FOR:	CONCEPT FORM:	APPLICATION:
Round 3: Third week of MAR—Mid MAY	NOV 21, 2011	DEC 12, 2011
Round 4: End of MAY—End of JULY	FEB 1, 2012	FEB 27, 2012



*Left: David and Mary, from Silver Two, help prepare food for a Veterans Day Barbeque. Right: Center: Craig, from Silver One, serves at a pet rescue center. Right: Blue Five works together with the Washington Conservation Corps to restore a creek in Washington.*

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## Where We Serve

**Pacific Region:** AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

### Teams Currently Serving In

Blue 1: **San Francisco, CA**—The Presidio Trust  
Silver 6: **McClellan, CA**—Community Collaborative Charter School  
Blue 2: **Sacramento, CA**—Loaves and Fishes  
Green 1: **Sacramento, CA**—Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services  
Gold 2: **Sacramento, CA**—Sacramento Zoo and Salvation Army Sacramento County  
Gold 1: **Pollock Pines, CA**—Sly Park Environmental Education Center  
Blue 3: **Bakersfield, CA**—Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior  
Gold 4: **Los Angeles, CA**—Children Youth and Family Collaborative  
Gold 2: **Bolinas, CA**—Commonweal  
Blue 7: **Los Angeles, CA**—Cesar E. Chavez Foundation  
Gold 3: **Avalon, CA**—Catalina Island Conservancy  
Gold 5: **Angelus Oaks, CA**—Camp de Benneville Pines  
Green 3: **Lakeside, CA**—Lakeside's River Park Conservancy  
Green 6: **Oakhurst, CA**—Sugar Pines Christian Camp  
Green 7: **Julian, CA**—San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation—Agua Caliente  
Silver 1: **Indio, CA**—Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
Silver 3: **Grass Valley, CA**—Fire Safe Council of Nevada County  
Silver 4: **Healdsburg, CA**—The Bishop's Ranch of the Episcopal Diocese of California  
Silver 5: **Silverton, OR**—The Oregon Garden Foundation  
Blue 4: **Salem, OR**—Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Green 4: **Coos Bay, OR**—Oregon Coast Community Action  
Silver 7: **Charleston, OR**—South Slough Estuarine Research Reserve  
Gold 6: **Salt Lake City, UT**—Utah Food Bank  
Gold 7: **Seattle, WA**—King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Blue 5: **Seattle, WA**—Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust  
Green 2: **Reno, NV**—Sierra Nevada Journeys  
Green 5: **Roundup, MT**—Musselshell Valley Community Foundation  
Silver 2: **Kalispell, MT**—Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana  
Blue 6: **Sheridan, WY**—Habitat for Humanity-Eastern Bighorns

## Outside our Region? Check out the Others!

**Atlantic Region:** CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, PA, PR, RI, USVI, VT

**Southern Region:** AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

**North Central Region:** IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI

**Southwest Region:** AR, AZ, CO, KS, MO, NM, OK, TX

To obtain contact information on the states listed above, please contact Chelsea Rae.

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