



Rocky Mountain Conservancy

CONSERVATION CORPS

2018 Crew Member Position Announcement

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join an ambitious team of outgoing, energetic, conservation-minded youth striving to protect our public lands and natural resources while experiencing a summer full of challenges, rewards, and accomplishments.

WHAT TO EXPECT

With the RMC-CC, you will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to get hands-on training in resource protection with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy, the National Park Service and the National Forest Service staff while studying environmental science. In addition, you will:

- **BUILD YOUR RESUME, JOB SKILLS, AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES**
- **DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
- **BUILD LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS**
- **LEARN ABOUT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**
- **NETWORK WITH PROFESSIONALS IN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND USDA FOREST SERVICE**
- **PROTECT AND PRESERVE COLORADO'S PUBLIC LANDS**
- **SPEND THE SUMMER OUTDOORS LIVING IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

SUMMER SCHEDULE

From May 29 through August 10, 2018, RMC-CC crews will work and live in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests. The eleven weeks will be filled with education and diverse work experiences in four general areas:

- **TRAILS** — Work with professional trail crews to maintain, restore, and build trails.
- **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** — Work with invasive plant and re-vegetation crews in the field.
- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING** — Learn from professional scientists in wildlife research and learn from experts about environmental stewardship, leadership, natural history, careers, the roles of non-profits in supporting public lands, and more. Earn up to two hours of transferable credit through Colorado State University.
- **BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE** — Help National Park and Forest Service crews maintain and restore campgrounds, picnic areas, visitor facilities, and historic structures.

The program begins with 1 week of training followed by 4 weeks of conservation work, 1 week of educational programming, 4 weeks of conservation work, and 1 week of wrap-up and career development activities.

A typical work week varies from four to five days, depending on the crew. Since the program is intended to be an inclusive learning experience, crew members are encouraged to spend their days-off exploring Colorado's public lands.

Crews are made of five members and one leader to maximize team-building and personal growth.

As part of the program, interns will earn up to **\$600 stipend every two weeks** and **AmeriCorps Education Award**. Additionally, Rocky Mountain Conservancy provides **housing, work clothing, boots, and gear** for the duration of the season.

Crew Locations

Crews will be housed at various residences, bunkhouses, and or campgrounds in Northern Colorado including:

- **Nederland**
- **Granby**
- **Estes Park**
- **Grand Lake**
- **Red Feather Lakes (Fort Collins)**
- **Rawah Wilderness**

Applications are due by March 18, 2018

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2017 Crew Member Testimonials

“Every day I learned a new skill, either being the leader of the week, or how to use a certain tool. I watched myself grow into a person I never have thought that I would become. With waking up early, working as hard as we could, only to look back at the work we have done, or tourists appreciating the work we do, satisfied my heart. I know that I am not the same person that I was when I came.” – (Estes Crew Member)

“Over the past three months, not only have I developed a deeper understanding for the natural world and the conservation of our public lands, but I have also made lifelong friends. I have had experiences that will be with me my whole life.” – (Estes Crew Member)

“When I landed in Colorado, I didn’t know what to expect this season. I had a lot of hopes and a few apprehensions. I hoped to learn a lot, enjoy working in the outdoors, become a better leader, meet people with shared interests, and think about my future career. I came out having learned more than I ever thought I would, doing more, higher quality work than I ever thought I would, having unforgettable experiences in beautiful places, getting to practice leadership, learning from and laughing with the people I work with, and opening my eyes to career possibilities.” – (Rawah Crew Member)

“This summer with RMC has been one that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. It was intricate, nuanced, sweeping, exciting, new, illuminating, and beautiful...This internship has cemented the idea that I want to pursue a career in this field. Whatever I do with my life, I know that conservation and stewardship will be a big part of it.” – (Shadow Mountain Crew Member)

“The Rocky Mountain Conservancy – Conservation Corps was an educational experience intertwined with a friendship- and career-building environment. Through the program, I learned both hard and soft skills that will be applicable in my personal life and professional pursuits. The Corps has upheld its morals and values in regards to environmental conservation and passed them along to this current season’s members, many of whom, I presume, will do the same going forward.

The program also made an incredible effort to not only educate use in the methods of conservation work, but also the reasons behind why such work is so important. The Conservancy ran educational lessons on everything from history to predator-prey relations in Rocky Mountain National Park. The broadest lesson I took away from these teachings was that everything in the natural world has a purpose, working together to form a cohesive unit we call the Earth, and we have a significant role in preserving this environment.” – (Shadow Mountain Crew Member)

“I feel like my summer with the RMCCC has been the most constructive, both personally and professionally, to date. The leadership skills, outdoor knowledge, and friends I’ve gained this summer will be with me for life.” – (Red Feather Crew Member)

“Working with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy Corps has definitely been the life changing experience I craved. I did thousands of things that I couldn’t have done in Puerto Rico. Not only did I learn about trail work but also about leadership and the outdoors, just as the website of the program promised. When I applied I did not really know if I was going to like trail work, but I knew that anyway I was going to learn a lot. As it turned out, I learned how to assemble a tent, how to get on lighting position, how to shower only once a week, how to not depend on my parents, and oh so many things. Nevertheless, all of these experiences were not strenuous thanks to my crew, who became my family and helped me overcome every obstacle. When I did not understand something, they would explain it to me. When I felt frustrated, they would hug me. When I needed a hand, they would offer me 10. Thank you for letting me be part of this.” - (Boulder Crew Member)

“The skills I have gained throughout the last 11 weeks and friendships I have made will stay with me throughout the rest of my life. I have learned so much about myself and my strengths and weaknesses, and narrowed down my interests for my future career. This is a special organization and I couldn’t have asked for a better way to spend my summer.” – (Boulder Crew Member)

“Before the beginning of this summer I was extremely unsure about what I wanted to do in the future, but was constantly thinking about it as I am going into my senior year of college. Thanks to my experience’s this summer with the RMC-CC and the NPS I want to continue to be a steward of public lands.” – (Kawuneeche Crew Member)