Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps
2018 10-Month Corps Program

Now Hiring: Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps 10-Month Crew Members

Program Overview

The Pennsylvania (PA) Outdoor Corps offers young people the opportunity to serve on a team completing conservation projects to protect, enhance and restore Pennsylvania’s public lands. Members gain work experience, job training and environmental education to help them become successful stewards of our natural resources. The program connects participants with the larger field of resource management and allows them to explore related careers.

The PA Outdoor Corps is managed the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Student Conservation Association (SCA), with additional funding provided by the PA Department of Labor and Industry and other regional non-profit and foundation partners.

Position Overview

The PA Outdoor Corps is hiring for our 10-month program, running February to November, 2018. These positions are open to individuals ages 18 to 25 who will join a team of six, comprised of five members and one leader, working on conservation projects on Pennsylvania’s public lands. Projects include, but are not limited to, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, vegetation management, facility maintenance and light construction. Members participate in education and training activities related to resource management, environmental topics and recreation skills. Almost all work and activities take place outdoors in all seasons and weather and involve physically demanding labor.

Qualified members who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills and work ethic during their positions will be given the opportunity to apply for a crew leader position on one of the PA Outdoor Corps high school crews. These crews are comprised of two leaders and 10 members, ages 15 to 18, and run for six weeks during July and August each summer. Members will be able to take leave from their 10-month crew and lead the high school members on conservation projects in their areas.

2018 Program Cities: Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Altoona, Williamsport, St. Marys, Meadville and Uniontown; Just Added: Lewistown

Program Dates: February 12th to November 9th, 2018
Crew Schedule: Four-day work week (Mo – Th or Tu – Fr), 9.5 hours per day

Eligibility

Members must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the start of the program in February. Applications are open to Pennsylvania residents and non-residents. No housing is provided with this position, and members must secure their own housing in or near their program city.

Responsibilities

- Serve as part of a team on physically challenging conservation projects in the outdoors.
- Actively participate in crew projects, activities and decision making.
- Meet the crew at a designated meeting location in your program city each morning. (Transportation is provided between a central location in the program city and the worksite, but not directly from members’ homes.)
- Assist in additional tasks, including data recording, photography, equipment maintenance and logistical planning as designated by a crew leader.
- Comply with SCA and DCNR policies as required for position.
Qualifications
Members must:
- Be able to work in challenging, outdoor conditions.
- Be able to perform physical activities for the full workday.
- Be enthusiastic about working on a diverse crew and be active in facilitating constructive communication and problem solving.
- Have an interest in conservation and natural resource management.
- Learn from their leaders the basics of conservation work skills, including trail building, restoration, construction and proper tool use.
- Model safe and professional behavior at all times.

To qualify as a summer leader, members must:
- Be 21 or older by July, 2018
- Have held a valid driver’s license for at least three years
- Show exceptional work ethic and leadership skills during their member position

Compensation
- $10.25 per hour
- Employer-sponsored benefits, including health, dental and vision
- Transportation provided from crew meeting location in city to work site
- Breakfast and lunch provided daily
- Paid training and career-development opportunities

To Apply
Visit https://www.thesca.org/serve/program/pennsylvania-outdoor-corps for application links and instructions on how to apply. Upon completing the SCA application, please email paoutdoorcorps@thesca.org to let us know that you are interested.