



Position: AmeriCorps Summer Associate

Location: Outdoor Education Center, a 350 acre wilderness near Harpers Ferry, WV

Program: Summer Program, June 4 – August 12, 2018 (10 Week commitment)

Position Description: Are you interested in working with at-risk youth, exploring, and teaching about the outdoors? If so, come work with the staff at the Outdoor Education Center of For Love of Children for a summer of outdoor adventure! The Outdoor Education Center (OEC) is seeking qualified individuals to teach outdoor education, teambuilding, communication, and nature appreciation to youth. Our staff will have the opportunity to facilitate low and high ropes courses, lead outdoor adventure activities, and implement environmental education curriculum.

Individual Responsibilities

- Participate in staff training, June 5 – June 16, 2017
- Serve as a leader and mentor for all participants
 - primarily youth ages 10-16
- Instruct groups of ten to fourteen in outdoor, environmental and adventure education classes as well as overnights, including:
 - High and Low ropes course facilitation
 - Canoeing trips
 - Recycling and Composting
 - Basic Survival Skills
 - Watershed and local ecology studies
- Manage physical and emotional safety of participants: maintain and encourage a safe environment
- Residential duties: Staff will sleep in cabins with campers Monday through Friday

Cooperative Staff Responsibilities

- Lead evening activities
- Attend weekly staff meetings
- Co-facilitate with other counselors
- Maintain positive team environment

Summer Associate (SA) Volunteer Criteria

- SA must be at least 18 years of age at the time of placement
- SA must not be listed on the National Sex Offenders Public Registry
- SA must commit and serve on a full-time basis for 10 weeks, a minimum of 35 hours per week
- SA do not receive any person/medical days off
- SA may have outside employment during the project period (cannot exceed 20 hours per week)
- SA can do DIRECT SERVICE!
- All Candidates must apply online at my AmeriCorps: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do> and submit Resumes directly to the site director, David Hartness at dhartness@floc.org

Qualifications:

- Related work experience
- Ability to work in all kinds of weather

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- Desire to work with youth in an outdoor setting
- Sincere interest in creating a learning environment
- Experience with teambuilding, ropes/challenge courses and adventure/ environmental education is a plus

SA Benefits

- A Living Allowance/Stipend to cover necessities during service:
- A \$1,252.91 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award **or** Summer End of Service Cash Stipend

Living Allowance	Amount	Summer End of Service Benefit	Amount	Or Summer Education Award \$1,252.91
8 weeks (56 days)	\$1888.88	Stipend – 8 weeks	\$276.64	
9 weeks (63 days)	\$2124.99	Stipend – 9 weeks	\$311.22	
10 weeks (70 days)	\$2361.10	Stipend – 10 weeks	\$345.80	

- **Required** On Site Orientation & Training: Conference call/webinar Pre-Service Orientation is the first day of service, candidates that fail to participate in SA PSO will forfeit their positions.
- Access to the AmeriCorps VISTA Alumni network
- Room and board provided
- Ideal setting for outdoor adventures (OEC is located between the Appalachian Trail and the Shenandoah River)
- Free gear rental
- All Associates will get certified in CPR/First Aid and ACA Water Safety Tandem Canoe

To Apply

Please email resume and cover letter, detailing relevant experience to the Director, David Hartness, at dhartness@floc.org. You must also apply on My AmeriCorps Website before or after the first interview at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>

For additional information, contact The OEC 304.725.0409.

Applications are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted no later than May 15, 2018.