



**Position:** AmeriCorps Summer Associate (Data Collection)

**Location:** Outdoor Education Center (OEC), a 350 acre wilderness near Harpers Ferry, WV

**Program:** Summer Program, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (10 Week commitment)

**Position Description:** Are you interested in working with 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 AmeriCorps members will have the opportunity to work directly with our youth as well as be tasked with collecting qualitative data.

### Individual Responsibilities

- Participate in staff training, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- 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:
  - High and Low ropes course facilitation
  - Canoeing trips
  - Recycling and Composting
  - Basic Survival Skills
  - Watershed and local ecology studies
  - Pollination Unit
- Manage physical and emotional safety of participants: maintain and encourage a safe environment.
- Develop a system to collect qualitative data.

### Qualitative Data Responsibilities

- Work with Senior Staff and counselors to help collect data on the impacts of our program.
- Attend weekly staff meetings with our entire staff of 12 and individual meetings with our director and program coordinator.
- Coordinate with other counselors and senior staff on collecting observational data.
- 10% of your time will be spent creating a system to collect data
- 40% of the time will be spent in the field collecting data.
- 10% of your time will be spent conducting interviews.
- 40% of your time will be spent interpreting the data.

### 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!

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- 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](mailto:dhartness@floc.org)

**Qualifications:**

- Related work experience
- Ability to work in all kinds of weather
- Desire to work with youth in an outdoor setting
- Sincere interest in creating a learning environment
- Experience with will statistics or data collection is a plus.

**SA Benefits (The rates below are for 2018 and are subject to change)**

- 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](mailto: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 April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**