



AMERICORPS NCCC

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The state of Arkansas is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region campus. Located in the Loretto Heights neighborhood of Denver, the Southwest Region campus houses approximately 320 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five regional campuses, are organized into teams of approximately ten members and serve in local communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Approximately 1200 members serve in NCCC each year.

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 organization 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.

As the federal government's direct national service wing, NCCC's structure allows for rapid deployment of teams in emergencies. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, NCCC teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. **Since 2000, NCCC members have served more than 4.7 million hours on over 1,760 disaster services projects.**

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ARKANSAS SINCE 2000

- ★ 237,202 service hours completed
- ★ Service valued estimated at **\$5** million
- ★ 724 students supported in an out of school program
- ★ 6164 hours spent tutoring students
- ★ 1940 students tutored
- ★ 132 miles of hiking trail constructed or restored
- ★ 2616 trees or native plants planted
- ★ 120 tons of debris or underbrush removed

SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock
- ★ Arkansas State Parks, Mountain Pine
- ★ City of Rogers Parks and Recreation Department, Rogers
- ★ Easter Seals Early HeadStart, Little Rock
- ★ Arkansas 4-H Foundation, Little Rock
- ★ Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock
- ★ J. Austin White Cultural Center, Eudora, AR

"In the months after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Ferncliff became a regional depot to which churches mailed disaster kits for distribution to families. We were absolutely slammed with boxes of kits arriving and stopped counting boxes and started counting how many UPS and Fed Ex trucks came each day. We needed help, put in a call to AmeriCorps NCCC, and they sent a team. They were a lifesaver to us and to those who ultimately received the kits. In addition, our camp served 800 children last summer. They slid down the Shady Chute, hiked over bridges and slept in bunkbeds built and assembled by NCCC. They square danced on a huge deck and roasted marshmallows at an amphitheater built by NCCC. They all swam in a pool that was repainted by NCCC. Some of our children are inner-city children for whom this is their only camp experience. Some are hearing impaired and others are on scholarships. Some of our campers were from military families regrouping from a deployment. Our site and our campers have been significantly enriched by the service work of AmeriCorps NCCC teams."

-David Gill, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock, AR

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