



AMERICORPS NCCC

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The state of Colorado 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 COLORADO SINCE 2000

- ★ 1.1 million service hours completed
- ★ Service valued estimated at **\$24.3** million
- ★ **8,500** volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ Fire suppressed or contained on **254,000** acres of land
- ★ **1,020** Acres of land overhauled or restored after a fire
- ★ **2,884** Acres of brush or undergrowth removed to prevent fires
- ★ **380** miles of hiking trail constructed and maintained
- ★ **12,400** at-risk youth assisted
- ★ **16,897** students tutored
- ★ **5,700** youth have been supported in summer programming

SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ American Red Cross
- ★ Denver Green School
- ★ USDA Forest Service
- ★ ReBuilding Together Metro Denver
- ★ Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver
- ★ Cole Neighborhood Coalition
- ★ Rocky Mountain Field Institute
- ★ City of Grand Junction
- ★ Marycrest Assisted Living Center
- ★ Veteran's Green Jobs
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of La Plata County
- ★ City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks

"The Denver Green School is a brand new Innovation School in Denver, CO. It is the first public school in Denver dedicated to sustainability. It is the first school in the state to have a "farm to cafeteria program," and the NCCC has been engaged from the start. Last year, Corps Members helped excavate our farm and garden. This year, NCCC teams are working alongside our teachers as literacy and math coaches. The difference that the NCCC makes is easy to see in the relationships with our students, and evident as we watch our test scores grow. Without AmeriCorps NCCC, we would not have been able to have such a successful first two years."

~Frank Coyne, Founding Partner Denver Green School, AmeriCorps alumni ~1997

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