



AMERICORPS NCCC

North Central Region
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The state of Illinois is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region. Located in Vinton, IA, the North Central Campus houses approximately 240 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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 organizations 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 **1760** disaster services projects.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ILLINOIS SINCE 2000

- ★ Over **98,000** hours served on **36** service projects
- ★ Service valued at **\$2.0** million
- ★ Over **1,350** volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ **9** Historical cemeteries restored
- ★ **12** community activities planned or conducted
- ★ **4** archeological sites supported
- ★ Over **10,500** tax returns completed

SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ USDA Forest Service – Shawnee National Forest (Murphysboro)
- ★ Center for Economic Progress (Chicago)
- ★ Garfield Farms (La Fox)
- ★ Stronghold Camp and Conference Center (Oregon)
- ★ Illinois Coalition for Community Services (Monmouth)
- ★ Community in Schools (Aurora)
- ★ Habitat for Humanity (Arthur)
- ★ Campton Historic Agriculture Lands (La Fox)

“The Shawnee National Forest has enjoyed a partnership with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps from the campus in Vinton, Iowa that has enabled us to accomplish critical resource conservation work all across Southern Illinois while allowing us to expand recreation opportunities for the public to use and enjoy their National Forest.

By providing teams of well organized, well trained and motivated young volunteers they enable us to accomplish work inaccessible to us by any other means.”

*Tim Pohlman
District Ranger
Hidden Springs Ranger District
Shawnee National Forest*

AmeriCorps NCCC is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering.

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