



# AMERICORPS NCCC

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**Arkansas** is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region campus. Located in the Loretto Heights neighborhood of Denver, the Southwest Region campus serves as the base for approximately 600 traditional NCCC 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 are assigned to one of five regional campuses into teams of approximately ten members, and complete 2- to 3-month projects responding to local communities' needs in every state. Teams serve with local and national organizations, infusing resources and leading volunteers for hundreds of organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. These 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.

NCCC's flexible program structure allows both the opportunity to partner with non-profit or government organizations that might lack the capacity to manage longer grant programs, as well as the ability to create strategic collaborations with other national service programs and federal agencies to magnify the impact on communities served. In 2012, NCCC collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and created a new unit of members called FEMA Corps. These teams are devoted solely to FEMA disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts, which strengthen the nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters while expanding career opportunities for young people. Between the traditional and FEMA Corps, up to 2,800 members serve with AmeriCorps NCCC each year.

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional NCCC teams are coordinated for rapid disaster deployment anywhere in the country. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. Since 2000, members have served more than 5.1 million hours on 1900 disaster services projects across the nation.

# Arkansas

## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ARKANSAS SINCE 2000

- ★ 267,922 service hours completed
- ★ \$5,931,793 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 16,000 people participated in recycling program
- ★ 3,800 students tutored
- ★ 6,600 meals served
- ★ 5,800 feet of streambeds or riverbeds restored
- ★ 150 miles of hiking trail constructed or restored
- ★ 2,400 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted

## SELECTED ARKANSAS PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Garvan Woodland Gardens
- ★ Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp
- ★ J. Austin White Cultural Center, Inc.
- ★ Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute
- ★ Arkansas State Parks - Lake Ouachita State Park
- ★ Hobbs State Park
- ★ Arkansas 4-H Programs
- ★ Arkansas Children's Hospital

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute

*The mission of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) is to improve children's health, development and well-being through high quality research. Their vision is to be a leader in cutting-edge research that improves the health and well-being of children and their families. An NCCC team working with the ACHRI maintained four community gardens in the Little Rock area and six school gardens throughout Arkansas, as well as one organic farm. Specifically, the team weeded, mulched, planted, transplanted, built crop beds, tilled soil, and harvested 5.25 acres of gardens and farms. Additionally, the team built two 30' x 48' greenhouses and two 4' x 8' compost systems.*

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