



AMERICORPS NCCC

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Louisiana is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region campus. Located in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Southern Region Campus serves as the base for approximately 560 members each year and serves the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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.

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SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN LOUISIANA SINCE 2000

- ★ 2,145,138 service hours completed
- ★ \$47,493,355 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 352,000 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 1,800 new homes constructed
- ★ 218 miles of trail constructed or restored
- ★ 161 parks restored or refurbished
- ★ 50,000 people participated in recycling program
- ★ 3 million meals served to disaster survivors

SELECTED LOUISIANA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Phoenix of New Orleans, Inc.
- ★ Green Light New Orleans
- ★ Project Homecoming
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette, LA
- ★ evacuteer.org
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge
- ★ Restore the Earth Foundation, Inc.
- ★ Second Harvest Food Bank - Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Green Light New Orleans

NCCC team River 7 worked with Green Light New Orleans. They installed 8,950 compact florescent lamps in 450 houses. The total energy bill savings for recipients was approximately \$411,700. The team also led 1,600 volunteers in installing rain barrels, clearing 39 lots and installing community gardens. The team shared information with the community that will lead to a more sustainable New Orleans. Team members learned how to help save money and protect the environment by curtailing energy usage.

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

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