



# AMERICORPS NCCC

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Michigan is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region campus. Located in Vinton, IA, the North Central Campus serves as the base for approximately 480 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South 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 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.

## Michigan

### SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MICHIGAN SINCE 2000

- ★ 277,340 service hours completed
- ★ \$6,140,308 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 5,447 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 15,840 feet of coastal shoreline restored or protected
- ★ 71 miles of trail constructed or restored
- ★ 13,966 native plants, trees, or shrubs planted
- ★ 40 tons of debris or trash removed
- ★ 18,995 hours spent tutoring elementary school students

### SELECTED MICHIGAN PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Sherman Lake YMCA
- ★ YMCA Storer Camps
- ★ Upper Peninsula State Fair Authority
- ★ Flint Housing Commission
- ★ Crossroads for Youth
- ★ The Nature Conservancy of Michigan Chapter
- ★ Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Marquette County

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Hiawatha Shore to Shore (North Country Trail Association)

*Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore leverages volunteers and partners to develop, maintain, protect, and promote the North Country National Scenic Trails as the premier hiking paths across the northern tier of the United States. Its assigned NCCC team, Cedar Six, constructed 4,915 feet of boardwalks in 40 locations, built 2.1 miles of new trail throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula, removed 80 stumps, and blazed 38 trees to direct hikers. Members learned about trail rerouting, tread maintenance and creation, benching, blazing to mark trails, and boardwalk construction. The team helped build trails that people of all ages can enjoy, from making new areas accessible to hikers of all ages to creating smoother tread and routes around large hills to appeal to older hikers. By building 40 boardwalks in areas that get very muddy, the trail is usable year round, even during the rainy season.*

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