



AMERICORPS NCCC

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Mississippi 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 MISSISSIPPI SINCE 2000

- ★ 1,071,594 service hours completed
- ★ \$23,725,091 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 58,000 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 26,000 disaster/community assessments completed
- ★ 555 homes constructed and renovated
- ★ 2,800 tons of debris or trash removed
- ★ 63,378 families assisted in disaster areas
- ★ 30,000 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted

SELECTED MISSISSIPPI PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Living Independence For Everyone of Mississippi, Inc.
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Bay-Waveland Area
- ★ Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge
- ★ Gulf Coast Research Laboratory - University of Southern Mississippi
- ★ Mississippi Children's Home Services
- ★ Central Mississippi Residential Center
- ★ The Jackson Zoo
- ★ Vicksburg Main Street Program

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Central Mississippi Residential Center

The Central Mississippi Residential Center had several projects for NCCC team River 6 to complete. The team completed landscaping projects to improve the grounds, including leading volunteers in tree planting. Corps members also educated area students in financial responsibilities, such as balancing a checkbook. Interactions with team members served as therapy for the residents as they prepare to reenter the outside world. Team members received certification in Mental Health First Aid.

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