



AMERICORPS NCCC

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New Mexico 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.

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SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NEW MEXICO SINCE 2000

- ★ 113,090 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,503,813 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 43 miles of new hiking trails constructed or restored
- ★ 35 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 1,120 people participated in recycling program
- ★ 150 volunteers recruited and coordinated
- ★ 10,000 books sorted, inventoried, repaired, or shelved
- ★ 188 senior citizens assisted

SELECTED NEW MEXICO PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Tohaali Community Schools
- ★ Boys and Girls Club of Farmington
- ★ EcoServants
- ★ White Sands National Monument
- ★ Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, Inc.
- ★ Cibola National Forest
- ★ Habitat for Humanity Santa Fe
- ★ Navajo United Methodist Center

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Boys & Girls Club of Farmington

Local youth members of the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington, New Mexico need additional positive role models. The Boys & Girls Club provides mentoring services to individual youth, small groups, and teaches skills to members. In 2012, NCCC teams worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Farmington to provide mentoring and activities to 1,322 elementary students in an out of school program, while also spending 285 hours tutoring elementary school students, and assisting over 1,275 at risk youth.

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