



AMERICORPS NCCC

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Oklahoma 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 OKLAHOMA SINCE 2000

- ★ 172,226 service hours completed
- ★ \$3,813,084 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 1,100 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 16,500 tax returns completed
- ★ 190 homes constructed and renovated
- ★ 74 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 4,000 acres of land burned in prescribed burns
- ★ 1,500 families assisted in disaster areas

SELECTED OKLAHOMA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Community Action Project of Tulsa County, Inc
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of Central Oklahoma
- ★ New Hope Camp, Inc.
- ★ USDA Forest Service - Oklahoma Ranger District
- ★ Rebuilding Together Oklahoma City
- ★ Lake Murray State Park
- ★ Boys and Girls Club of Leflore County
- ★ Central Oklahoma Recovery Effort

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: New Hope

Oklahoma has the unfortunate distinction of having the highest incarceration rates in the nation for women and the third highest for men. The Oklahoma Kids Count 2010 Factbook estimated that 27,000 children in Oklahoma have a parent in prison. New Hope works with these children, helping them to become positive, productive, contributing members of society through resiliency and prevention programs. NCCC members allow New Hope to expand its summer camp programming and serve more children. Exposure to positive role models and additional skill sets increases campers' competence in life skills and development. This past summer members supported 150 at-risk youth, inventoried and repaired 400 books and served 780 meals.

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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