



AMERICORPS NCCC

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Tennessee 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 TENNESSEE SINCE 2000

- ★ 370,494 service hours completed
- ★ \$8,202,737 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 6,900 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 673 miles of new hiking trails constructed or restored
- ★ 13,500 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 10,700 feet of riverbeds and streambeds restored or protected
- ★ 5,700 people assisted at mass care facilities
- ★ 3,300 damage assessments completed

SELECTED TENNESSEE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- ★ Tennessee State Parks - T.O. Fuller State Park
- ★ Shelby Farms Park Conservancy
- ★ Arkwings Foundation, Inc.
- ★ Vollintine Evergreen Community Organization
- ★ C. H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa
- ★ Matthew 25, Inc
- ★ WellSpring Lifestyle Retreat

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa

NCCC team Delta 9 worked with the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa and their community partners. The team reclaimed hiking trails, cleaned an amphitheater, and learned how to process artifacts. The team organized a day of service and recruited volunteers to assist in improving the homes of 20 senior citizens. Future days of service will be supported by a volunteer list created by the team. Corps members received information from their sponsor on the role that museums play in continuing community education.

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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