



AMERICORPS NCCC

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Texas 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 TEXAS SINCE 2000

- ★ 545,575 service hours completed
- ★ \$12,079,031 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 23,000 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 3,000 tax returns completed
- ★ 709 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 133,000 families assisted in disaster areas
- ★ 25,000 books sorted, inventoried, repaired, or shelved
- ★ 4,800 senior citizens assisted

SELECTED TEXAS PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ City of Houston - Volunteer Initiatives/Community Archaeology Research Institute
- ★ Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- ★ Bastrop County Office of Emergency Management
- ★ Faith Communities for Disaster Recovery
- ★ Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems
- ★ The Nature Conservancy
- ★ The Land Heritage Institute
- ★ Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Center for Maximum and Potential Building Systems

The Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems (CMPBS), established in 1975, is a non-profit education, research, and demonstration organization specializing in life cycle planning and design. CMPBS undertakes projects based on their potential contribution to sustainability and human health. CMPBS received funding to construct a prototype small sustainable village. AmeriCorps NCCC members learned how to plan and build all the components of a sustainable village. They built 3 houses and then tested this sustainable village prototype. They helped us assess its performance in disaster areas. The team's experience was recorded and will be used as a training tool for future groups.

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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