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Wisconsin is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region campus. Located in Vinton, IA, the North Central Campus serves as the base for approximately 480 members and team leaders each year and serves the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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.

Wisconsin

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WISCONSIN SINCE 2000

- ★ 109,358 service hours completed
- ★ \$2,421,186 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 1,252 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 393 damage assessments completed
- ★ 6,900 feet of irrigation systems constructed
- ★ 1,434 acres of land cleared of unwanted brush or exotic vegetation
- ★ 17,182 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 204 tons of debris or trash removed

SELECTED WISCONSIN PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ River Revitalization Foundation
- ★ US Fish and Wildlife Service - Necedah NWR
- ★ COA Youth & Family Center
- ★ University of Wisconsin - Madison Arboretum
- ★ Wisconsin Badger Camp
- ★ Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
- ★ Friendship Center, Inc.
- ★ Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Wisconsin Badger Camp

The mission at Wisconsin Badger Camp is to serve people with developmental disabilities by providing them with a quality outdoor recreational experience. The camp was established in 1966 by a group of parents who believed there was a need for individuals with developmental disabilities to have a place to experience the outdoors. While working for Wisconsin Badger Camp, the team accomplished three main goals: they served as camp counselors for 48 campers for roughly three weeks, performed general camp maintenance, and planned and implemented a weekend respite program. The team learned to plan and hold activities for children, how to best manage behavior, and about the inner workings of a camp.

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