



AMERICORPS NCCC

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West Virginia 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.

West Virginia

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WEST VIRGINIA SINCE 2000

- ★ 187,275 service hours completed
- ★ \$4,146,269 dollars worth of service provided
- ★ 140 miles of hiking trails constructed or restored
- ★ 442 tons of debris, exotic vegetation or underbrush removed
- ★ 8,200 books sorted, inventoried, repaired, or shelved
- ★ 25,600 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted
- ★ 860 volunteers recruited or coordinated
- ★ 2,000 damage assessments completed

SELECTED WEST VIRGINIA PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ National Coal Heritage Highway Authority
- ★ Great Kanawha Resource Conservation & Dev. Area, Inc.
- ★ Kanawha Gateway Heritage Area
- ★ USDA Forest Service - Monongahela National Forest
- ★ Citizen's Conservation Corps of West Virginia
- ★ Rural Appalachian Improvement League, Inc.
- ★ Fayette County Education Fund Inc.
- ★ Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Appalachian Coal Country Team

NCCC team Delta 4 served in communities throughout West Virginia, with the Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT). Some highlights from this project include laying 120 feet of utility lines, installing ten water pumps at a picnic area, installing insulation and drywall, clearing five miles of trail. Improvements made by the team directly benefit the residents of five communities and will boost tourism. Team members received training from professionals in important areas of construction.

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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