



# AMERICORPS

# NCCC

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR AMERICA



## ABOUT AMERICORPS NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. AmeriCorps 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.



## ABOUT FEMA CORPS

The AmeriCorps NCCC 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, AmeriCorps 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.



## ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF

In addition to the FEMA Corps, the traditional AmeriCorps 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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# WE'RE GETTING THINGS DONE IN PENNSYLVANIA

## Hookstown, PA | Raccoon Creek State Park

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with Raccoon Creek State Park in Hookstown, Pennsylvania in the spring of 2014. During their service, members restored cabins and cleaned and organized a 500 square-foot lumber shed that were built by members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), AmeriCorps NCCC's predecessor, in the 1930s. The team additionally repaired two bridges and disassembled another that was destroyed by a flood, created a sandstone path, and assembled and installed 20 picnic tables in camp sites around the park. To add to their impact, the team scraped, primed, and painted a 300 square feet building and 24 lamp posts, removed 2500 pounds of wood and laid gravel, removed 215 pounds of invasive plants and honeysuckle, and participated in one controlled burn of four acres. In addition, corps members were able to assist in the park's annual trout replenishment, which added over 4000 trout to its lake. This work was all completed in a mere eight-week timeframe. Raccoon Creek State Park first became an AmeriCorps NCCC project sponsor in 2004.

## Stroudsburg, PA | Streamside Camp and Retreat Center

Streamside Camp strives to help youth from inner cities throughout the northeast to develop emotionally, socially, and spiritually. During AmeriCorps NCCC's service with Streamside Camp, the team was able to provide a substantial boost in the organization's ability to achieve that vision. The team dug holes to establish the foundation of a new nature center, framed the structure, built walls and a roof, and installed a new door. The team also constructed and assembled a butterfly house, performed trail maintenance and restoration, and helped to prevent pest infestation in cabins. During rainy days the team painted the interiors of campers' cabins. This was AmeriCorps NCCC's first project with Streamside Camp and Retreat Center.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA SINCE 2000	HIGHLIGHTED SPONSORS IN PENNSYLVANIA
▶ 316,327 service hours completed	▶ Department of Veteran Affairs - Pittsburgh
▶ \$7,003,480 dollars worth of service provided	▶ Raccoon Creek State Park
▶ 3,612 volunteers recruited or coordinated	▶ Valley Forge National Historical Park
▶ 19,450 feet of stream or riverbanks restored	▶ SERVE Philadelphia
▶ 215 tons of debris, vegetation, or underbrush removed	▶ The Nature Conservancy - Pennsylvania Chapter
▶ 53,466 new trees, seedlings, or shrubs planted	▶ York Habitat For Humanity, Inc.
▶ 270 miles of hiking trails constructed or restored	▶ The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County
▶ 16,033 acres of wildlife habitats restored or protected	▶ EI HAB Human Services



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