



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 WISCONSIN

## Madison, WI | University of Wisconsin Arboretum

The University of Wisconsin's Arboretum began in 1932 when the University's Board of Regents acquired 245 acres on the south shore of Lake Wingra. Today, the Arboretum has grown to encompass 1,260 acres outside of Madison. During their seven weeks of service, an NCCC team helped to remove invasive species on 175,000 square feet of the property, and prepared areas for prescribed fires by making nearly 3,000 feet of fire breaks using brush saws and a wood chipper. The team removed cherry, spruce, box elder and juniper trees in an effort to restore the areas back to their original prairie form, and cleaned seed from plant material, such as flower petals and stems, and spread seeds over 19,500 square feet of land. Members additionally cleaned and replanted approximately 900 pots and plants to protect the native habitat from a newly found invasive worm species. The University of Wisconsin Arboretum first became an AmeriCorps NCCC sponsor in 2011.

## Dodgeville, WI | Friendship Center, Inc.

During the spring of 2014, three organizations within the Dodgeville community partnered to receive the assistance of an AmeriCorps NCCC team: Friendship Center, Driftless Area Land Conservancy (DALC) and Folklore Village. Members removed fields of garlic mustard, brush, and vegetation to prevent the spread of invasive species, and installed new siding on a bunkhouse to make it safer for campers to use as lodging. The team constructed a bridge and two boardwalk sections over marshy environments, and cleared approximately three acres of brush for a walking path. At Folklore Village, NCCC members scraped and repainted the sides of several bunkhouses, and weeded multiple flower beds. Friendship Center first became an AmeriCorps NCCC sponsor in 2012.

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▶ 139,712 service hours completed	▶ University of Wisconsin - Madison Arboretum
▶ \$3,093,224 dollars worth of service provided	▶ US Fish and Wildlife Service - Necedah NWR
▶ 1,324 volunteers recruited or coordinated	▶ Central Rivers Farmshed
▶ 809 students supported in out-of-school programs	▶ River Revitalization Foundation (RRF)
▶ 6,924 feet of irrigation systems constructed or restored	▶ Wisconsin Badger Camp
▶ 3,048 acres cleared of unwanted brush and vegetation	▶ Boys & Girls Club of Portage County
▶ 26,482 new trees seedlings, or shrubs planted	▶ Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department
▶ 620 tons of debris, vegetation, and underbrush removed	▶ Mino Bimaadiziwin Gitigaanig Community Farm



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