2020 AmeriCorps Fall Field Crew Member

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is an AmeriCorps program dedicated to developing conservation leaders of tomorrow.

LOCATION(S): Logan, UT
TERM DATES: September/October – November 21 (approximate dates)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

UCC is an AmeriCorps program composed of AmeriCorps members, staff, and partners dedicated to service to our community and environment. We engage in projects throughout the state of Utah that address goals relating to resource conservation, stewardship, and sustainability.

UCC Field Crew Members spend 300+ hours (45-50 hours per week) working and living outdoors as part of a Utah Conservation Corps crew in service to public lands and the communities that surround them. Crew Members are responsible for being a contributing member of their crew, upholding and abiding by UCC policies & procedures, and conducting themselves in a safe and productive manner. Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated outdoor skills and experience, previous corps or related experience, current first aid and CPR certification, and high degrees of professionalism and maturity.

All crew members will be given abbreviated, project specific training on safe and proper tool use, project techniques, and UCC specific outdoor living. Crews complete projects on Utah’s public lands related to habitat restoration, invasive species removal, fence construction, trail construction or forest fire fuels reduction. Weekly project schedules are variable. Crews spend 8 to 12 hour days working on physically demanding projects in the outdoors.

Utah Conservation Corps arranges for camping and travel during project time and supplies all tools and safety equipment and uniform shirts. Crew Members must provide their own work boots, work pants, and personal camping gear. Crew Members receive a living allowance for buying their own food for project time and off time, and arranging for housing and transportation during off time. This position is an AmeriCorps term of service that requires a full-time commitment.

UCC COVID-19 RESPONSE

UCC takes the current COVID-19 health emergency very seriously. UCC staff, in conjunction with Utah State University, have been introducing new risk management protocols, as well as reviewing our existing policies and procedures. We recognize that we hold an important role in reducing the spread of COVID-19, and we appreciate our staff, members, and partners for paying careful attention to the guidance, policies and procedures that UCC is implementing during this time. See more about UCC’s response to COVID-19 on our website: https://ucc.usu.edu/covid19.
UCC COVID-19 CREW MEMBER CONSIDERATIONS

The safety of our members, staff, and the communities we serve is our paramount priority. With this in mind, it is important to note that changes to scheduling, field crews, and projects may occur at any time. Field crew member position offers are contingent upon the development of COVID-19 on a local, state, national level. A position offer or position acceptance may be rescinded at any time. Please refer to the UCC COVID-19 Protocols on our website (https://ucc.usu.edu/covid19) for up-to-date information regarding field crew operations. Please pay particular attention to the following:

- The Decision Making Rubric for UCC Field Operations (pg.3 of UCC COVID-19 Protocols) is UCC’s method for determining whether or not field crews may operate.
- The size of UCC crews, the capacity and availability of project partners, and the length of project hitches are all subject to change.
- Crew members may be provided skills training specific only to the service or project tasks they will be performing.
- Requests for time off cannot be honored. The crew member position requires a full-time commitment for the duration of the term of service.
- There is a possibility based on project partner capacity and availability that projects may be cancelled or that you may be asked to assist with non-conservation, COVID-19 response projects in Utah.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Great attitude and love of the outdoors!
- Commitment to public lands and contributing to America’s conservation legacy
- Ability to work as part of a small crew, including demonstrated conflict management and resolution skills
- Ability to work hard on physically demanding projects for long hours outdoors
- Ability and willingness to work and camp in remote settings in all sorts of weather conditions
- Ability to maintain personal physical and mental health throughout the position

PREFERRED APPLICANTS WILL:

- have previous corps or equivalent experience
- have demonstrated outdoor skills
- have current First Aid / CPR certification
- demonstrate high levels of professionalism and maturity

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years of age at the start of the season
- US Citizen or permanent resident
- Agree to undergo a criminal history background check
- Positive attitude, flexibility, and maturity
- Ability to live and work in remote or primitive settings
• Ability to work long hours, outdoors, in a variety of weather conditions
• Eligible to enroll in an AmeriCorps term of service

BENEFITS

• AmeriCorps Living Allowance, $610 paid twice per month
• AmeriCorps Education Award, $1,289.95 for 300+ hour term
• Project & tool specific training
• Experience, career exploration, and networking

TO APPLY

Complete the online application found at https://ucc.usu.edu/apply/index. Positions are open until filled. Please provide complete relevant work history, supervisory contact information, and three professional references.

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Utah Conservation Corps is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for application and service with our programs.

Our Mission
- The mission of the Utah Conservation Corps is to develop the conservation leaders of tomorrow
- Our vision is to create sustainable communities and conserve the natural heritage of Utah and the Intermountain west
- We are committed to an inclusive culture of community and service in a safe and positive environment

Our Values
- The strong traditions of conservation and stewardship in American Society
- Leadership development and personal growth among members
- Inclusion of underserved populations
- Partnerships to address environmental challenges
- The development of civically-engaged and informed citizens

History of UCC
The UCC proudly follows in the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) while expanding the national service tradition to more diverse audiences as a 21st Century Conservation Service Corps. The UCC was developed by a group of committed citizens that formed a steering committee in the fall of 1999 and wrote a successful AmeriCorps grant proposal in the winter of 2000.
The UCC began operation at Utah State University’s Outdoor Recreation Center with its first group of AmeriCorps members in January 2001. Since inception, UCC AmeriCorps members have completed traditional conservation corps projects including trail maintenance, habitat restoration, fuels reduction, fence maintenance as well as travel management, habitat, and recreation surveys. The UCC has been a national leader in expanding the traditional conservation corps model to include AmeriCorps members serving with non-profits completing environmental education (2004), disability inclusive crews (2007), veteran’s crews (2010), Bilingual Youth Corps crews (2010), bicycle crew (2015), and urban community farming (2018).