



Northwest Youth Corps - AmeriCorps YouthGrow Team Leader Position Description

Description

A team of four *YouthGrow* (YG) Team Leaders serve as AmeriCorps members for a summer day camp through the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC). The Team Leaders work together to run a garden-themed camp for youth ages 7-11. Leaders bring the YouthGrow program to life by ensuring each child involved has a fun, safe, and productive experience at NYC.

YG Team Leaders supervise, teach, and work with youth who are taking part in the Youth Grow program. Most days members will lead activities at the Laurel Valley Educational Farm (LVEF) located on NYC's campus. In addition groups of youth and leaders will participate in events at various community garden sites and go on educational field trips. Projects and activities will include organic gardening and conservation work. Some hiking will be part of the field education outings. YG Team Leaders also teach lessons in natural resource science, leadership and personal development. We look for Team Leaders who want to help youth grow, learn and develop important skills.

Duties and Responsibilities - Essential Functions

- Education, recruitment, safety and development of youth participants
- Create and plan summer camp curriculum and activities
- Lead youth safely and efficiently while working
- Educate youth about the natural environment during field trips and projects
- Serve in the Northwest Youth Corps garden
- Work with youth at School Garden project sites during the school year
- Attend all required trainings (EPI, safety, work skills, tools and natural resource education)
- Ability to keep youth engaged
- Poses the maturity to act as a positive role model for youth

Duties and Responsibilities - Secondary Functions

- Transport youth in 12 person passenger busses
- Complete required daily and weekly paperwork
- Participate in conferences with parents
- Participate in trainings and submit all AmeriCorps related reports and documents.
- Partner with other local garden and youth oriented organizations

Desired Qualifications:

- 1 year of college complete, Required HS Graduate or GED
- Valid driver's license and a history of responsible driving. Must be 21 years of age
- Ability to pass an FBI criminal background check
- CPR and Basic 1st Aid Certification
- Experience teaching and/or leading youth (Experience may be substituted for the college requirement)
- Ability to deal with the unexpected (i.e. poison oak, bees, youth behavior)
- Desire to help youth develop leadership and job skills
- Experience in outdoors, farming, environmental education, or youth leadership
- Strong communication skills and a vested interest in community service

Schedule Requirements:

April 2, 2012 – August 31, 2012 Member will plan and implement the summer program activities. Leaders average 45 hours per week, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5:00 pm. The member will serve a minimum of 900 hours.

Program Benefits:

Team Leaders earn **\$6,050 living allowance**, and a **\$2,775 AmeriCorps education award** upon completion of the service term. The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing housing, food, work clothes and work boots.

To apply: Please see our website for complete application requirements under the AmeriCorps heading at www.nwyouthcorps.org or contact Kendra Henry at kendrah@nwyouthcorps.org