



Internship Announcement

Willamette National Forest

Youth Engagement Strategy Program Manager

RESOURCE ASSISTANTS PROGRAM

Please Respond By **April 30, 2018**

Location: Springfield, Oregon 97477

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) in partnership with the Willamette National Forest will be advertising an internship for a **Youth Engagement Strategy Program Manager**. This is a 10 month, full-time work experience from June 2018 to March 2019. The Resource Assistant will be responsible for working with the U.S. Forest Service and Northwest Youth Corps to formalize a robust youth and community engagement strategy for the forest, promote equitable outdoor opportunities, participate in community events, co-coordinate family-friendly field trips, improve cultural relevancy of interpretive programming, and evaluate outreach opportunities and approaches.

About the Northwest Youth Corps: Created in 1984, and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, NYC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. NYC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. www.nwyouthcorps.org

About the U.S. Forest Service: The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Established in 1905, the agency works with communities and organizations to conserve and enhance the watersheds, wildlife habitat and wild places across the 193-million-acre National Forest System.

Program Benefits

- NYC will provide RA a prorated monthly stipend of \$3040/\$760 per week along with health care coverage and workers compensation.
- RA will have special hiring authority for Forest Service positions upon completion of their 960 hours of service.
- The RA is responsible for the cost of housing.

Position Requirements

- Valid state driver's license and ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents over 17 years old. Anyone who meets age and citizenship requirements is encouraged to apply. Preference is given to individuals enrolled in institutions of higher education, especially minority-serving institutions.
- Government vehicles are available for work-related travel.
- RA's are responsible for travel to and from duty station.

Position Summary:

The Youth Engagement Strategy Program Manager will play a key role in building relationships with the Willamette National Forest's partners and communities to foster connection to national forests and public lands. The Program Manager will also be integral to helping design and implement the Willamette's Youth and Community Engagement Strategy. Key duties will include:

- Working with Willamette National Forest and Northwest Youth Corps to promote equitable outdoor opportunities for underrepresented youth and communities.
- Working with Willamette's ranger districts to organize community service/ volunteer projects.
- Identifying and participating in community events that connect public lands to community interests, such as Play in the Rain Day.
- Improving the cultural relevancy of interpretive programming and existing programs.
- Working with other USFS units (ex. Siuslaw National Forest) to build recognition of the Forest Service and provide innovative approaches that connect communities to their public lands.
- Mentoring youth and working with them to identify personal goals and learn about opportunities to work with the USFS.
- Assisting with the creation of a Youth and Community Engagement Strategy for the Willamette National Forest.

About the Duty Location

The position is stationed in Springfield, Oregon...a medium-size city in Western Oregon, only miles away from Eugene – home to University of Oregon. There is easy access to a plethora of recreation activities in any season of the year – beautiful and majestic McKenzie River, hiker's paradise with the Pacific Crest Trail among many others, and just about an hour drive from the Oregon Coast at Florence, OR – gateway to the Pacific Coast Highway and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

More information about Springfield Oregon can be found at: <http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/> and more information about Eugene OR can be obtained at: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/>

If you have questions about the internship, please feel free to call or email Chiara Cipriano ccipriano@fs.fed.us (541) 731-4427 or Jay Runte jayr@nwyouthcorps.org (541) 743-8590

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Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: April 30th, 2018

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Individual Placement

Service Dates June 2018-March 2019

Length of Term: 10 months

How to apply:

Please email a cover letter, resume, and three professional references in attention to:

Jay Runte - Internship Director

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and

Chiara Cipriano – Public Affairs Specialist

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