

PCEI AmeriCorps Program

The mission of the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) is to increase citizen involvement in decisions that affect our region's environment. PCEI has a 28-year history of "connecting people, place & community".

The goals of our organization are:

- To encourage sustainable living, provide experiential learning, and offer opportunities for serving in our community, while actively protecting and restoring our natural resources;
- To promote the ecological health and social welfare of the Palouse-Clearwater region;
- To actively participate in the conservation, preservation, and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands, natural areas, and unique ecosystems;
- To provide forums for the free exchange of views in matters of concern to the public; and
- To inform and educate the public on issues of importance to the sustainable future of the Palouse-Clearwater region thus promoting a well-informed, active and concerned citizenry.

The PCEI AmeriCorps Program provides leadership and professional experiences to AmeriCorps members by partnering with local organizations to complete projects that engage members of their communities in environmental education activities and hands-on restoration activities that serve to improve and enhance the health of our natural surroundings.

Position Title: Assistant Wildlife Educator

Project Sponsor: Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Morrison Knudsen Nature Center

Position Summary: Participate as a member of the MK Nature Center team in providing outstanding environmental education to both facility visitors and off-site audiences. The incumbent will provide education programs as well as perform roving interpretive work with on-site visitors, sometimes utilizing the nature center's captive non-releasable education bird. The member will also work closely with volunteers and student interns on projects benefiting nature center habitat and wildlife. Providing customer service and assisting with routine nature center duties are both additional responsibilities of this position.

Requirements

- Be at least 19 years of age
- Possess a cooperative, positive manner and have the desire to be part of a team serving diverse audiences.

- Be reliable and dependable
- Have a valid Driver's License
- First Aid/CPR/AED certification beneficial, but not required
- Must be U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Must possess high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving award.
- Must be able to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through PCEI.
- Must complete and submit all necessary PCEI AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Must commit to and attend and complete all PCEI AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
- Must wear PCEI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

AmeriCorps members can enroll in multiple terms of service that add up to the value of two full-time education awards. You can also serve additional terms but will not receive an additional education award.

Member Qualifications and/or Required/Preferred Skills

- Be a college student or graduate in environmental or biological sciences; or education.
- Experience working with children is beneficial

Member Benefits Include

- A taxable, monthly living allowance (\$13,992/full-time member, or \$6,996.00/part-time member, paid over the term of service).
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$6,095.00 for a full-time position or \$3,047.50 for a half-time position. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans or for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable.)
- Basic medical insurance for those who qualify. Part-time members do not qualify.
- Childcare allowance for those who qualify. Part-time members do not qualify.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.

- Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals and conduct all activities in full accessible settings.

Project Location and/or Transportation Needs: Boise, Idaho

Dates of Service: Full-time: 11 months, between October 2019 and August 2020 (These dates are approximate. Part-time: 5 ½ months at approximately 40 hours/week.) Dates may be flexible.