





# MARYLAND CONSERVATION CORPS

Make a difference in conservation, protecting and improving Maryland's public lands and natural resources, while gaining valuable experience and training in a wide range of environmental career fields, including education, forestry, wildland firefighting, fisheries and wildlife management, and park improvement.

## WORK ALONGSIDE OTHERS WITH A PASSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

- Trail construction or maintenance
- Invasive species removal
- Debris cleanup
- Tree planting

- Trout stocking at some parks
- Environmental outreach and education
- Treating hemlock and ash trees for pests
- And much more!

## GROW PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH SEVERAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS OFFERED:



- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- Trail Building and Design
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Search and Rescue
- Wildland Firefighter Certification
- Environmental Education and Interpretation
- Small Craft Safety

## MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Low-cost park housing provided (first come, first serve)
- Bi-weekly living stipend
- Loan forbearance for certain student loans
- AmeriCorps Education Award
- Free health insurance coverage
- Networking opportunities
- Rewarding work and lasting friendships!



### **TESTIMONIALS:**



"[MCC] allowed me to explore my field of study and confirm my desired career path. I was able to earn valuable certifications and attend trainings that were beneficial to what I want to do. I made eternal friendships and met numerous people that gave advice and experience that have helped me all along my journey as an MCC member."

-Nicole, Susquehanna State Park, 2015-2017

"I like being able to work outside almost every day, being able to educate the public about protecting our natural resources, and working with youth groups who seldom get a chance to experience nature."

-Tyler, Patapsco Valley State Park, 2016-2017

"I have done a lot of AmeriCorps programs, but this is the only one I've found that combines all of my passions into one."

-Tiana, Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, 2016-2017; Patapsco Valley State Park, 2017-2018

## FIND OUT MORE:

Interested in the program? To learn more about the Maryland Conservation Corps and the crews, visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website:

http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/mcc.aspx

To apply for the program in the spring, create a MyAmeriCorps account and apply on the AmeriCorps website:

https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do

## **STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**



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