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the natural environment
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community leaders
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Northwest Service Academy - Lower Columbia Center Field Team Program

About the Field Team Program

Lower Columbia Center (LCC) operates and supports several field teams with projects that primarily focus on watershed restoration, public lands enhancement, environmental education, volunteer mobilization and community strengthening. Projects may be short- or long-term, and vary in location and focus depending on the needs of our project sponsors and the communities they serve.

Our field teams consist of four to ten members who serve together for six months to a year. Team schedules are typically comprised of either four consecutive ten-hour days or five consecutive eight-hour days per week.

LCC strives to provide its teams with environmental projects that give members opportunities to learn from and network with professionals in the field, gain technical project expertise, take on new challenges and when possible utilize cutting edge technology and practices. In turn many LCC team members bring previous field experience or environmental education to projects.

What we provide

- A team of skilled and motivated individuals
- Vehicle support and transportation (see team model descriptions on the other side of this sheet for details)
- Tools and safety equipment
- Supervision and team coordination
- Spike equipment
- Technical assistance
- Administrative management (workers compensation, FICA, payroll, health insurance, liability & grant management)

What you provide

- A cash match
- Project and site orientation
- Overview of the issues that the project addresses
- On-going management and supervision for the duration of the project
- Documentation of in-kind donations (for projects that last three months or longer only)
- Evaluation (post-project evaluation for EnviroCorps, individual team member evaluations for dedicated teams; see reverse for team model descriptions)

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	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TEAM COST
Short-Term Projects:	The EnviroCorps team, comprised of five to seven members, provides support to project sponsors that have short-term project needs (one day to three months in length). The team is available February through early December. NWSA provides the team with tools and a vehicle to travel to project sites.	2009: \$625 per day* 2010: TBA
Long-Term Projects:	The majority of our teams are Dedicated Teams . Dedicated teams are sponsored by one organization or agency for their entire 11-month term of service. These teams range in size from four to ten members and work on larger-scale projects. These teams are available February through early December. Additional costs apply if a team vehicle is provided by NWSA. Vehicle availability is not guaranteed.	2010 prices: \$10,000 per member \$10,500 per leader**
<p>* Additional costs may apply in certain circumstances. ** All dedicated teams must have a leader.</p>		

How to schedule a team

Submit a project proposal to our center. Project proposal materials can be downloaded from our website: http://northwestserviceacademy.org/partner_ft.cfm.

Short-Term (EnviroCorps) Proposals:

LCC accepts proposals for short-term projects throughout the year. To ensure the best availability, proposals should be submitted at least two months in advance, though the EnviroCorps team **may** be available on shorter notice.

Dedicated Team Proposals:

Proposals for the 2010 field season are due July 31, 2009.

About our staff

LCC staff bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to each of our partnerships. Areas of expertise include:

- Habitat assessment, in-stream restoration, water quality monitoring and other restoration practices
- Environmental education and curricula development
- Training and leading crews in back country trail construction
- Working with adjudicated youth and community volunteers
- Event planning and volunteer coordination
- Providing training in areas such as trail design and construction and conflict resolution

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