



The Student Conservation Association

CONSERVATION BEGINS HERE



SCA NH Corps

The mission of SCA NH corps is to serve the communities and lands of New Hampshire while building the members' leadership and technical skills in the conservation field. In the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps, SCA NH corps members perform direct hands on service while developing their ethic of service and citizenship. These highly motivated 18-25 year olds enhance and protect natural areas through environmental education programs, interpretive ranger programs and conservation projects across the state.

Corps members live in rustic cabins at Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, NH. While sharing in the unique experiences of community living, corps members dedicate 10 months of their lives to service in communities throughout New Hampshire. AmeriCorps, a SCA NH corps partner, offers members an AmeriCorps education award for their term of service. Corps members also receive a living allowance and health insurance while they serve.

Education Program

From January through April, 26 corps members teach environmental education to more than 1,000 fourth and fifth grade students in Manchester and Allenstown School Districts. Corps members work in teaching teams of 2-3 to develop a 10-week curriculum and service learning project that incorporates NH State Science Standards and aims to foster connections between the students and their

About the SCA

- Founded in 1957

What We Do

Hands-On Service to America's
Natural & Cultural Resources
in All 50 States

Opportunities

- Expense-paid Internships
- Community Programs
- Tuition-free High School Crews
- Field Leader Staff

Locations

- State Parks
- National Forests
- Wildlife Refuges
- Cultural Landmarks
- City Green Spaces

And More!



natural world. The service learning project allows students to apply their knowledge, engage with peers and practice earth stewardship by giving back to their school community. The teaching teams also lead afterschool Earth Stewardship Club lessons with the 21st Century Program and Girls Inc., as well as mentor and serve as positive role models to students in the Salvation Army's Kids Café program. The SCA NH corps Education Program provides invaluable experiences and learning for both the youth served and the corps members' professional development.

Conservation Teams

From the slopes of Mt. Monadnock to the Great Woods of the North Country, 18-22 corps members work in the field from April through October restoring and preserving public lands.

Crews build new trails and maintain/repair existing trail networks. Repairing trails damaged by erosion not only cares for the land, but also makes them safe and more accessible to thousands of hikers each year. In addition, our teams engage in restoration and preservation of historical structures and often build visitor facilities such as pavilions and cabins.

SCA NH corps completes these essential conservation projects through partnerships with New Hampshire State Parks, federal land management agencies, town and county governments, land trusts, conservation commissions and other organizations.

Discover the Power of Parks Interpretive Ranger Program

In May, 4-8 corps members transition into the Discover the Power of Parks Interpretive Ranger Program. These corps members kick off the interpretive season by leading 3 weeks of school field trips in Bear Brook State Park. During this time, the interpretive rangers guide over 900 students in an investigation of aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

After additional training in June, the interpretive rangers continue their work in New Hampshire State Parks, connecting with over 20,000 visitors by the end of the season in October. The interpretive rangers provide public programs exploring the natural and cultural history of the area, as well as relaying hiker safety and Leave No Trace information to park visitors.

The Discover the Power of Parks program is made possible through our partnership with New Hampshire State Parks with generous funding from Public Service of New Hampshire.

SCA Manchester

Four SCA NH corps members engage Manchester area high school students in year-round conservation service learning projects through the SCA Manchester Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC). The group meets twice each week during the spring and fall to complete local projects and foster an ethic of civic responsibility.

During the summer, SCA Manchester CLC partners with organizations such as the White Mountain National Forest, National Park Service and National Audubon Society. The students and leaders spend two weeks camping and maintaining trails. Through hard physical effort and daily living in a group, participants develop teamwork and leadership skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

SCA Manchester CLC's track record demonstrates that engaging in active conservation work can and does inspire high school students to pursue careers in the conservation field.



SCA NH Corps is a joint venture between SCA and the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). Additional funders are vital to our success.

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