Position Description
Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership

Position Title: Education Technician
Host Site: Sequoia Riverlands Trust
Site Supervisor: Bud Darwin, Education & Volunteer Director
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Service Commitment: SNAP AmeriCorps members are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, SNAP and AmeriCorps. Members make a yearlong, full-time commitment to serve a nonprofit organization or public agency in the Sierra Nevada. **The SNAP Term of Service is from November 1, 2021 - October, 2022. Time Commitment: 1,700 hours total, approximately 40 hours per week.**

Position Location: Tulare County, Visalia, CA. Visalia lies at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, on the eastern side of the Central San Joaquin Valley, 30 miles from the entrance to Sequoia National Park. The majority of service will take place within the Kaweah and Tule watersheds.

Organization Description: Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) is a regional, non-profit land trust dedicated to conserving the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley. Our mission is to inspire love and lasting protection for important lands. We work to protect working landscapes, wildlife habitat and scenic open spaces, while ensuring that economic growth in our communities remains vibrant and sustainable. To accomplish this, SRT engages landowners, farmers, conservationists and business partners in the counties of Tulare, Fresno, Kern and Kings to collaborate for the land conservation of our Central California heartland.

Program Description: Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) is dedicated to educating people of all ages about the value of conserving natural and agricultural resources in the counties of Tulare and Fresno. By providing outdoor learning opportunities to schools and the community, SRT facilitates instrumental and purposeful educational programs that instill a lasting bond between the community and the land, fostering greater appreciation for its stewardship. We provide the following learning opportunities and resources to the community:

- In-school, environmental education presentations for grades K-12
- Field trips at Kaweah Oaks, Dry Creek and various other preserves for students of all ages
- Coordinate Service, Work Based and Project Based Learning and Internship opportunities for students
- Community outreach and training for environmental education and conservation projects
- Support Volunteer opportunities for the general public
- Guide nature walks and outdoor nature education events for nature lovers of all ages

Our goal is to cultivate a sense of connection between humans and nature, impressing upon our youth the importance of stewardship and the need for sustainable use of our most precious resources. SRT's Environmental Education and Intern programs in conjunction with our monthly walks are with the purpose of inspiring our community, both young and old, to revere the land, care for it as a community and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Position Description:

As an Americorps Member with Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT), the Education Technician will be responsible for a variety of education programs and initiatives happening at SRT nature preserves, protected lands, and schools and other educational settings around Central California. The Education Technician will coordinate and manage all field trip activity under the direction of the Education Coordinator, with a focus on at-risk and underserved K-12 students. The central mission of all SRT education programs is to increase public interest in and understanding of the Central San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Nevada foothill regions and to inspire learners to become lifelong stewards and protectors of the land.

The Education Technician will support our education team in developing and delivering curriculum centered on the environment and sustainability of our area watersheds, Native cultures, and agriculture. The technician will reach out to educators and other youth organizations to increase community partnerships. The technician will work with the education team and other SRT departments as needed to develop, coordinate and implement other outdoor education activities and programs such as volunteer workdays, internships, special events, and represent SRT at other community events.

Required Qualifications:

- At least 1 year of teaching experience working as a camp counselor, classroom teacher, or informal educator.
- Ability to work with people from various socio-political, cultural, and educational background
- Interest in working with at-risk and underserved youth
- Public speaking and outreach experience
- Rudimentary knowledge and understanding of the environmental systems of the San Joaquin Valley
- Ability to walk on uneven terrain, carry moderately heavy loads of 20-30 lbs., withstand high temperatures for several hours at a time
- Willingness to work weekends
- Must possess energy and enthusiasm, as well as the patience and group management skills needed to work with elementary school children
- Must be creative, resourceful, and possess the ability to adapt to changing circumstances, quickly and decisively
- Must be well organized, efficient and possess good time management skills
- Must be able to work well independently and as a part of a team
- Valid Driver's License, insurance and reliable transportation
- DMV Driving record is required before driving SRT vehicle

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in the social science, ecology, biology or environmental science
- 2-5 years teaching experience
- Ability to work with youth of all ages (K-12)
- Ability to be flexible with teaching curriculum both in-class and outdoors
- Knowledge of the San Joaquin Valley social and environmental issues
- Prior experience working for a non-profit or small business

Additional Benefits: Monthly cell phone stipend of $30

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