



The Corps Network

Strengthening America through service and conservation

Our Impact



What is a Corps?

Corps are locally-based organizations that engage young adults (generally ages 16 – 25) and veterans (up to age 35) in service projects that address conservation and community needs. Through a term of service that could last from a few months to a year, Corps participants—or "Corpsmembers"—gain work experience and develop in-demand skills. Corpsmembers are compensated with a stipend or living allowance and often receive an education award or scholarship upon completing their service. Additionally, Corps provide participants educational programming, mentoring, and access to career and personal counseling. Some Corps operate or partner with charter schools to help participants earn their high school diploma or GED.

By annually engaging thousands of young adults and veterans in education and service, Corps...

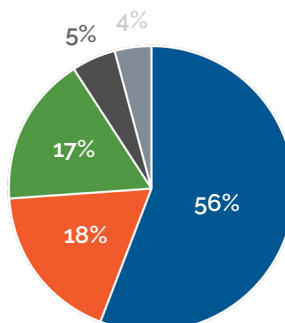
- Increase access to public lands and waters
- Build and improve multi-use trails
- Address the maintenance backlog on public lands
- Maintain productive fish and wildlife habitats
- Control the spread of invasive species
- Help prevent and fight wildfires
- Create and maintain parks and urban green spaces
- Support community recycling efforts
- Weatherize homes for money-saving resource efficiency
- Restore communities and resources following disasters

About The Corps Network

Established in 1985, The Corps Network is the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Our membership of 133 Corps operates across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories. The Corps Network supports Corps through advocacy, expert guidance in Corps operations and programming, and providing access to funding and project opportunities.

Corps in Numbers, FY19

- 31,582,000** pounds of waste collected/recycled
- 1,660,307** square feet of graffiti removed
- 1,400,404** acres of habitat restored
- 1,035,319** trees planted
- 66,929** acres of invasive species treated
- 31,063** low-income households educated about resource-efficiency practices
- 13,317** miles of trails constructed/improved
- 223** disasters responded to



22,287 Corpsmembers
52% male | 46% female

Corpsmember Race and Ethnicity

	White
	Other
	Black, African-American
	American Indian, Alaska Native, Pacific Islander
	Asian

18% identified as Hispanic or Latino

Photo above: California Conservation Corps



A long history

Corps date back to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s. Today, many Corps receive support from AmeriCorps.

Corps to Careers

Corpsmembers obtain skills and can earn recognized certifications for the growing conservation and outdoor recreation economies.

A good investment

For every \$1 invested in national service, \$3.95 is returned in community-wide benefits.

Bipartisan support

The past eight U.S. Secretaries of the Interior have supported Service and Conservation Corps.

Canyon Country Youth Corps

Infrastructure & Public Lands

Engaging in Public-Private Partnerships; Supporting the Outdoor Economy

From deteriorating trails and campgrounds, to cracked sidewalks and overgrown lots, resource management and municipal agencies face billions of dollars in backlogged maintenance needs. Federal, state and local government agencies partner with Corps to **complete critical projects on public lands and urban infrastructure.**

Through these public-private partnerships, agencies complete projects sooner and engage with a new generation of potential employees. They can also save money: a study by the National Park Service demonstrated Corps can **reduce project expenses by 50% or more.** The projects Corps complete help improve access to our public lands and waters, supporting the **\$427.2 billion** outdoor recreation economy.

Disaster Response and Mitigation

Making Communities and Landscapes Resilient

Storms, fires, droughts and floods are becoming more frequent and severe. Corps **mitigate the threat** of disasters through activities such as removing fire fuels, clearing storm channels, installing permeable surfaces, and stabilizing hillsides. When disasters occur, Corps deploy and **help communities recover** by managing volunteers, removing debris, and mucking and gutting buildings. Corps also assist in long-term recovery, rebuilding and revegetation efforts.

Conservation

Making Communities More Sustainable

Corps empower young people with the knowledge and skills to be good stewards of our environment. Every year, thousands of people learn about **conservation practices** through community outreach programs delivered by Corpsmembers. In addition, Corps work with partners to support local recycling and improve resource efficiency by weatherizing low-income homes and public buildings and installing **water and energy-saving retrofits.**

Local Economies

Helping Develop the 21st Century Workforce

Through service, Corpsmembers gain hands-on job experience, earn certifications, and develop skills in **leadership, problem-solving and teamwork.** By partnering with businesses, schools and training organizations, Corps help address local workforce needs and create pathways to employment.

Serving Our Country

Empowering the Next Generation

Corps offer opportunities for people of different religious, ethnic, racial, socioeconomic and political backgrounds to **unite for the common goal** of bettering our nation. Corpsmembers see the results of their work and recognize their **ability to be change-makers.**



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