



Stewardship Summer- Fall AmeriCorps Member

College Internship Opportunity

6/17/2024- 12/10/2024 (450 hours)

Introduction:

Founded in 1992, Skagit Land Trust conserves wildlife habitat, agricultural and forest lands, scenic open space, wetlands, and shorelines for the benefit of our community and as a legacy for future generations. We have protected over 9,000 acres and over 50 miles of shoreline throughout Skagit County. The Stewardship Department at the Trust monitors, maintains and restores these protected properties in order to benefit wildlife and people. Skagit Land Trust is currently accepting applications from students to assist with stewardship department activities as an intern.

Position Description:

With staff guidance and ample on the ground training, this member will complete core stewardship projects, including but not limited to controlling invasive species, maintaining trails and public access areas, and maintaining restoration plantings. Members will gain experience using a variety of hand tools and machinery such as weed whackers to accomplish stewardship projects.

On days when the full summer crew is not scheduled to work on assigned projects (see below), the member will also have the opportunity to join staff and Trust volunteer Land Stewards for site monitoring, maintenance and restoration projects in the field, and to assist with related tasks including (but not limited to) site boundary marking, invasive species removal, site access maintenance.

Members will also have the opportunity to participate in outreach events (yet to be scheduled), youth education events, and community science projects, and to support Trust staff working on communication projects. Members should expect to spend at least 90% of their time serving out in the field.

Duties:

With staff guidance, you will serve effectively as part of a team of Americorps members completing on the ground stewardship field projects to improve the condition of at-risk ecosystems in Skagit County. Projects may include:

- Invasive species removal
- Public access infrastructure maintenance (including trails)
- Fencing maintenance, planting maintenance
- Boundary marking
- Joining staff on site visits to assist with Stewardship monitoring and maintenance tasks
- Assisting staff with stewardship recordkeeping relating to assigned projects
- Assisting with outreach and communication efforts to disseminate information about the Trust, Americorps positions, and assigned projects by providing photos and written materials when requested by staff.
- Members should expect to spend at least 90% of their time serving out in the field

Schedule:

The member schedule has flexibility based on their class schedule Fall quarter, during which they need to be available for at least 1 full day each week and will be expected to serve 2-4 days with the Trust each week, averaging 20 hours / week. From 6/17-9/20, the member will serve as part of a summer stewardship crew (tentatively in the field on Wed/Thurs each week).

Start date: 6/17/2024

End date: 12/10/2024

Required Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Must be able to work effectively as part of a student Americorps team for the summer.
- Must be able to maintain an awareness of site conditions & potential risks.
- Must be comfortable serving in the field in inclement weather, on hot, cold & wet days, & able to hike up to 5 miles through brushy, uneven, steep terrain while carrying a pack.
- Must be able to utilize hand tools (shovels, loppers, & similar tools), may occasionally operate machinery such as weed whackers.
- Must reliably make it to set locations at scheduled meeting times, with appropriate personal field clothing & gear.
- Must maintain accurate records & communicate clearly & professionally with staff, volunteers, & public.
- Ability to pass a national service criminal history check
- 18 or older
- AA/BA or some college
- United States citizen, naturalized citizen, or lawful permanent resident
- Committed to serving 100% of service hours

Benefits:

- Education Award of \$1,824.07 upon successful completion of term of service (450 hours)
- Forbearance for Federal Student Loans
- Training and practical hands-on experience
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- A chance to make a difference in your community!

Host Site Benefits:

Members will start their term with training to orient them to serving with Skagit Land Trust and may have opportunities to participate in additional formal training through their terms. Members will have ample opportunities to learn about conservation work, non-profit work, stewardship tools and techniques for completing projects to improve site conditions, and the ecological communities, flora and fauna of Skagit County.

To Apply for this Position:

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and two references (academic, volunteer, or professional references are all acceptable) to Stacy Dahl (SLT's Volunteer and Education Programs Coordinator) at stacyd@skagitlandtrust.org by May 2nd, 2024. Please include 'Summer-Fall Stewardship AmeriCorps' in the subject line.