



RMYC

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TAOS, NEW MEXICO

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps inspires young adults to make a difference in themselves and their communities. Through training and team service, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a stepping stone to new opportunities.



Rocky Mountain Youth Corps serves across America

The crewmember experience at Rocky Mountain Youth Corps involves developing a connection to service on a national level. Our organization exposes crewmembers to travel and experiences outside New Mexico; and in doing so, we strive to create the next generation of young adults who are committed to serving their community and the world.

To reach our goals, we often swap our crews with other corps or accept disaster relief deployments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In 2012, American Youthworks traveled from Austin, Texas to work on the Maquinitas Collaborative Forest Restoration Project while a RMYC crew traveled to work in Bastrop State Park outside of Austin. In the field together, Texas and New Mexico crews shared their AmeriCorps experiences and worked hard for long days, in cold conditions.

In the closing months of 2012, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps deployed crews serving in the wake of both Hurricane Isaac and Hurricane Sandy. Fully trained and ready, RMYC was deployed to the New Orleans area to assist in shelter operations associated with Hurricane Isaac. Again, in November,



Top: Crew members pose by a fallen tree after Hurricane Sandy. Above: Crew member helps prepare sleeping areas at a Sandy relief shelter. Right: Crew members clear trails at Bandelier National Monument.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps responded to Hurricane Sandy by sending a team of seven AmeriCorps Members to New York City to provide disaster relief assistance. RMYC Corpsmembers staffed emergency shelters throughout Brooklyn and gutted destroyed properties in the Rockaways.

These activities create new opportunities for corpsmembers to move beyond their comfort zones, experience areas of country they have never visited and provide a level of national service unmatched by the local projects. Stay tuned for our 2013 crew swaps!

Corpsmembers cascade up to staff positions

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a stepping stone to new opportunities. As the cornerstone to our philosophy, we strive to implement that goal whenever possible. Present staff members who are AmeriCorps alumni include Ben Thomas, RMYC Program Director, Victoria Flores, Learning Lab Coordinator and Michael Webster, Conservation Program Manager.

In 2013, we are proud to introduce new staff members who have shared the corpsmember experience. Conservation Program Coordinator, Maura Cassell (AmeriCorps 2009, 2012) will join RMYC in March Conservation Crew supervisors: Derek Lujan (RMYC 2009 and 2011), Curtis Maynard (2012), and Patrick Helton (2012) have risen through

the ranks based on their skills, dedication to our mission and sense of team work. In the Energy Efficiency program,

Pascual Maestas (RMYC 2004, 2005, and 2011) serves as the Logistics Coordinator. Pascual is responsible for effectively supporting the Energy Efficiency program needs for tools, materials and supplies in order to ensure safe, efficient, timely and professional project completion.

As AmeriCorps alums, these staff members provide invaluable support to our corpsmembers and are dedicated to facilitating the best AmeriCorps experience possible. Together, these alumni represent the best of the next generation in nonprofit management and experiences. Welcome aboard!

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2013 crews get on board, NMYCC summer crews on the horizon!

On January 22, 2013, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps welcomed eight new youth to the Energy Efficiency Program. After completing their orientation and training, the crews will be providing energy efficiency upgrades to qualified low income and elderly homeowners across northern New Mexico. In addition they are earning stackable credentials in OSHA 10, lead abatement, weatherization and construction skills.

In March, three additional crews will join Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for 900- and 1700-hour AmeriCorps service terms. We are currently accepting applications for these 21 positions. Applicants must be 18-25 years old. Our Conservation crews complete forest restoration and trail maintenance and spend most of their service time outdoors. This program prepares

youth for careers in forest management, public land management and ecosystems monitoring.

On the horizon, RMYC will hire four Youth Conservation Crews in partnership with New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps for the summer of 2013. These 8-10 person crews are an opportunity for 16-25 year old youth to have a 10 week summer job while completing valuable community improvements and experiencing the Corps Spirit.

For more information on the Conservation and Youth Conservation Corps Program or to hire a crew, contact Michael Webster at 575 751-1420.

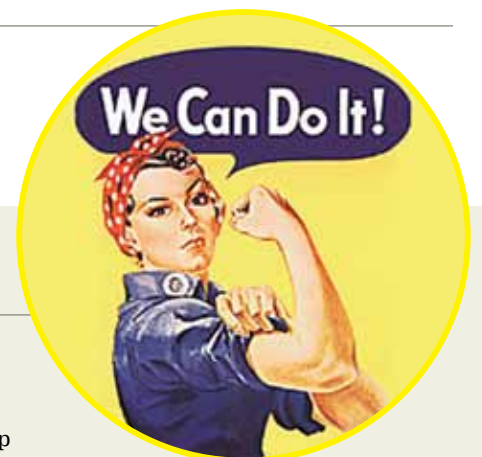


Left: Corpsmembers commence Ropes Course Orientation.
Above: Corpsmembers engage in a team building exercise.

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Volunteer opportunities **SIGN UP TO SERVE!**

April 9: Mayor's Event—highlighting AmeriCorps in our community

April 20: Earth Day—learn energy efficiency facts with our corpsmembers

June 8: National Trails Day—featuring river, trails and community clean up

For more information on attending one of these events, **contact Rosie** Williams at 575 751-1420 or rosie@youthcorps.org

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Rocky Mountain Youth Corps transforms our community through youth team service in the schools, landscapes and communities of northern New Mexico. Since 1995, thousands of youth ages 16-25 years old have changed their lives through the positive youth development services of RMYC. Your donation helps with vehicles, training, tools and support.