

# Draft Job Announced

What can FLCC do for you?

## Overview

The Florida Conservation Corps (FLCC) AmeriCorps program is a 23-year old program administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Park Service with members serving at state parks throughout Florida.

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Project A.N.T. focuses on habitat restoration by managing invasive exotic plants. Members reduce invasive exotic plant infestations through various land management techniques (herbicide use/manual removal), recruit volunteers, & educate park visitors about issues of invasive exotic plants in natural ecosystems.

### Project R.O.A.R.

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Project R.O.A.R. members are placed regionally throughout Florida and work directly with DEP staff to identify parks in need of volunteer recruitment and outreach. Members may create outreach material, while learning to navigate and manage DEP volunteer tracking systems. R.O.A.R. members go where the people are! In addition, these members work with FLCC's two other project areas to assist members with volunteer and outreach goals. Members are encouraged for cross project collaboration.

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Project T.R.E.C. is a traveling team based in Gainesville. Members are prescheduled for various trail restoration/awareness projects in Florida State Parks. Members are required to work 5-8 days at a time

depending on project and must have a positive attitude. These members are also required to participate as the AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team for the state of Florida (may deploy for 30 days at a time).

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps/what-ameriCorp>

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/FLCC>

## Requirements

- Must be able to complete an FBI/FDLE background check (free of charge) before start date
- Must be able to attend in-person orientation Monday 3/23/20 – Friday 3/27/20
- Must commit to full 1,700 hours of service over and 11-month period
- Must be at least 17 years of age
- Must have obtained at least a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must be able to tolerate extreme and adverse conditions of Florida
- Understand that this is not employment, but national service through and AmeriCorps program
- Positive attitude

## Trainings/Benefits Available

- Interpretation
- Leadership
- Community Outreach
- Professional Development
- Conflict Resolution
- Disaster Response
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Effective Communication
- Resume/Cover Letter Workshop
- S-212 Chainsaw Training
- S-130/190
- Trail tools training
- Hatchet and Machete training/use
- Herbicide Application Training
- Use of large equipment
- Hauling trailers
- Effective Communication
- Resume/Cover letter workshop
- Park/District Specific (for park to update)
  - ATV/UTV Certification
  - S-130/S-190
  - Boater safety
  - Scuba certification
  - Tractor Training

## Monetary Benefits

- Loan deferment
- \$6,195.00 Education award at the completion of service
- Monthly Living Stipend: \$1,500.00
- Free health insurance
- Access to Employee Assistance Program
- Free access to all 175 state parks

## What you can expect from your service

- Natural Resource Skills
  - Plant identification
  - Chainsaw training and use
  - Hauling trailers
  - Training and use of large equipment
  - Tool maintenance (chainsaws, trail tools, herbicide application tools, hatchets, machetes, hand saw, vehicles, ATV, UTV)
  - Safe use of herbicide application
  - Participate in prescribed fire
  - Create/maintain/improve public trails
- Professional development
  - Introduction to federal and state policy and guidelines
  - Experience entering data and retrieving reports for progress tracking
  - Organize and/or participate in strike teams and service projects
  - Network and build relationships with natural resource professionals
- Community Outreach
  - Flyer and graphic design and development
  - Opportunity to recruit volunteers and lead volunteer projects
  - Table at community events
  - Interact and educate park visitors
  - Participate in disaster response recovery efforts