

**ENERGY CORPS
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Name and location of host site: National Wildlife Federation, Missoula, MT.

Title: Education and Outreach Assistant

Reports to: Energy Corps Program Director

Term of service: October 1, 2019 - August 28, 2020

Anticipated service schedule: 1700 hours over the course of service term. Roughly 40 hours per week. Occasional evening/weekend hours may be necessary.

Position Summary: The National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Northern Rockies, Prairies & Pacific Regional Office in Missoula seeks an Education Energy Corps member to assist the Montana Education Coordinator with promoting environmental stewardship and engaging communities, schools, and partners in opportunities that help develop and connect community stewards, support sustainable environmental education, and restore/protect wildlife habitat. The NWF education programs supported by this work include Eco-Schools USA, Garden for Wildlife, and many community outreach opportunities.

Founded in 1936, the National Wildlife Federation's mission is to unite Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly changing world. Since its inception, NWF has united Americans who believe that our air, water, and wildlife habitats are valuable resources to be protected for future generations. We believe that a community's and regions' sustainable future depends on community members' direct engagement in stewardship activities. This Energy Corps member will empower citizens of Missoula and Montana through enhanced environmental education and hands-on habitat enhancement projects at schools and in local communities.

Specific Position Responsibilities:

Eco-Schools USA

- Recruit and provide support for existing Eco-Schools, primarily through connecting schools with regional staff and organizational resources
- Promote sustainable gardening and habitat enhancement at schools through Schoolyard Habitat certification program
- Coordinate with SMART Schools, Home ReSource, and other energy efficiency/sustainability programs and environmental education activities currently utilized by Montana schools, focused primarily on Schoolyard Habitat development and support
- Compile and write up information gained in research for future NWF use
- Identify and follow up on opportunities to reach diverse and underserved schools and communities

Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative and Gardening for Wildlife

- Recruit and engage volunteers for a Missoula Habitat Team to expand participation in Missoula Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative

- Engage and support at least one newly registered community within Montana
- Organize or attend community events to promote NWF (charity nights, markets and festivals, volunteer events, neighborhood council meetings)
- Design and execute after-school course curriculum for elementary students surrounding Garden for Wildlife and the important components of creating habitat
- Provide presentations to and seek input from potential partners and new participants/volunteers at large community venues, workshops, informal events, and individual meetings
- Promote NWF's Gardening for Wildlife program and certified habitat opportunities throughout Montana, in cooperation with regional and national staff
- Monitor progress toward articulated goals through certification and other metrics
- Update and revise strategic plan at end of service period to reflect lessons learned and new opportunities, seeking in particular to reach diverse and underserved constituents

Outreach and Regional Opportunities

- Provide targeted outreach at community events: tabling, sharing resources, recruiting volunteers
- Promote NWF programs through social media (blogs, create/post flyers, social media, etc.)
- Help plan and organize at least one Habitat Stewards training
- Conceptualize and prepare funding proposals and seek in-kind support to broaden opportunities for participation by low-income and underserved community members (e.g., sponsored certifications and community projects) for both Eco-Schools and Garden for Wildlife programs
- Certification as a Master Naturalist, Facilitator of Project WET, WILD, and Learning Tree
- Engage in self-assessment and performance evaluation with supervisors
- Possibility to attend and participate in conferences such as Montana Environmental Education Association (MEEA) and Indian Education for All (IEFA)
- Become a part of the huge network of National Wildlife Federation staff

Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Attend annual River Honoring Ceremony on the Flathead Reservation
- Participate in field trips, i.e. with the Clark Fork Coalition, the International Wildlife Film Festival, and more
- Lead and assist with activities at the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp
- Volunteer at planting or cleanup events throughout the community

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; a undergraduate degree in Natural Resources, Environmental Science, or Education strongly preferred
- Relevant work or volunteer experience in outreach, providing trainings, volunteer management, gardening/restoration preferred, knowledge of Montana flora and fauna a plus
- Sincere and demonstrated interest in environmental sustainability and education
- Comfortable public speaker and presenter, with desire to improve skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office suite; plus InDesign or Photoshop skills preferred
- Strong organizational and communication skills, including ability to manage social media and write blog posts
- Attention to detail and responsible work habits, ability to thrive in a multiple-task environment where it's necessary to prioritize activities daily and occasionally seek support from team members to meet deadlines
- Ability to establish and cultivate relationships with potential partners and volunteers

- Ability to relate to people from diverse backgrounds, ranging from public officials to neighborhood residents
- Member will present self in a professional manner to promote NWF programs, and is outgoing and personable
- Member must be self-starter, think creatively, while balancing supervisor direction professionally
- Must have a valid driver's license and personal insured vehicle, mileage reimbursement provided
- Must be able to lift 30lbs (carry/set up folding table and tent canopy, etc.)
- Member **will have** recurring access to vulnerable populations

Benefits: This Energy Corps position will receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity to make a difference in a community
- Green job training and professional development
- Living allowance of \$13,992 over term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$6,095 upon successful completion of service
- Health benefits and child care assistance if qualified

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate can be identified. Early applications are encouraged and applications will be considered as they are received. All persons interested in being considered for the position must create an AmeriCorps account and apply. You can create an account and explore AmeriCorps opportunities at: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do>

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