

Position Title:	Environmental Educator	Service Category:	CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps
Service Site:	Buttonwood Nature Center, Inc.	Date Submitted:	7/8/2024
Site Address:	10356 Amsterdam Rd. Waynesboro, PA 17268	Travel Required:	No
Compensation:	Living Stipend - \$20,000 Education Award - \$7,395	Service Term:	August 26, 2024 – August 2, 2025
Host Site Supervisor:	Tracy Holliday	Email:	tracy@buttonwoodnaturecenter.org
Phone:	717-762-0373	Posting URL:	www.coreamericorps.org
Applications Accepted By:		Person and phone to contact for interview if different from supervisor:	
Email Jess Krispin CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps Program Director jkrispin@union-snydercaa.org			
Member Position Summary			
<p><i>The Mission of CORE Susquehanna is to serve community needs through member service in areas of Healthy Futures, Education, Volunteer Management and Community Service Projects.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the member position summary and duties, ALL AmeriCorps members are required to participate in CORE AmeriCorps Group Activities. AmeriCorps members may not participate in any activities included in the Prohibited Activities as listed in the 'Partner Site and Member Agreements'.</i></p>			
<p>The mission of Buttonwood Nature Center is to guide the people of the Cumberland Valley region to become stewards of their natural and cultural worlds. We do this by providing experiential learning in authentic settings for people of all ages. We've historically recorded approximately 8,000 student visits annually to our school program series. Our community learning series engages people of all ages with a speaker series, field excursions and workshops. Engaging people in outdoor learning and recreation is known to provide benefits beyond the immediate lesson or activity. Buttonwood experiences invite opportunities for social connectedness, movement in the outdoors, and ignite curiosity and learning. Benefits for participating community members include not only the recreational and educational value of the experience, but also improved physical and emotional wellbeing and enhanced quality of life. Outdoor education serves as a foundation for raising the next generation of citizens who will care for their natural and human communities.</p>			
Essential Functions/Duties and/or required training			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate/teach full roster of K-12 environmental/outdoor school programs. We partner with Waynesboro Area School District to serve students with existing curriculum driven experiences in grades K-7 and an AP Environmental Science watershed focused high school class. Programs are professionally written, concept rich with specific learning goals at each grade level. Sessions run Sept. – Nov. and April – June. See www.buttonwoodnaturecenter.org under programs/school programs for descriptions. • Create and implement two new community programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete extensive research on topics ○ Develop a working plan/curriculum ○ Develop a budget ○ Implement and facilitate the two new developed plans • Create and implement summer nature day camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete extensive research on topics ○ Develop a working plan/curriculum ○ Develop a budget ○ Implement and facilitate the new developed summer camp plans • Create and disperse needed community outreach materials 			

Prohibited Activities

In order to comply with federal regulations, AmeriCorps members assigned to this site are prohibited from:

- a. Attempting to influence legislation.
- b. Organizing or engaging in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes.
- c. Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing.
- d. Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements.
- e. Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office.
- f. Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials.
- g. Engaging in religious instruction, conducting worship services, providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship, constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship, maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship, or engaging in any form of religious proselytizing.
- h. Providing a direct benefit to a business organized for profit, a labor union, a partisan political organization; a nonprofit organization that fails to comply with the restrictions contained in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent participants from engaging in advocacy activities undertaken at their own initiative, and an organization engaged in the religious activities, unless Corporation assistance is not used to support those religious activities.
- i. Conducting a voter registration drive or using Corporation funds to conduct a voter registration drive.
- j. Providing abortion services or referrals for receipt of such services; and
- k. Such other activities as the Corporation may prohibit.

Minimum Qualifications (Academic, Physical or Experience)

- Genuine interest in non-traditional/outdoor education and conservation
- Physical ability to be outdoors in all kinds of weather, lifting, hauling, walking and teaching
- Bachelor's degree from accredited college or university in related fields
- Hold or willing to obtain pediatric and adult CPR/AED/First Aid certification
- Must have current FBI background check, PA child abuse clearance

Proposed Weekly Schedule and Required Number of Hours per week.

- Typical teaching week M-F 8:00-4:30, with evening/weekend hours substituted as needed, not to exceed 34 hours (1700 hours//50 weeks)

Will the member be serving vulnerable populations (children, youth, elderly, disabled)?

Yes No

I understand the expectations and requirements of this position. I understand that this position description is an addendum to the AmeriCorps Member Agreement.

Member Name: _____

Signature of Member Accepting Position: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Site Supervisor: _____

Date: _____

Signature of AmeriCorps Staff: _____

Date: _____