



AmeriCorps CLEC 300 hr Student Fellow: Summer Camp Internship

Wild Whatcom is a local non-profit organization dedicated to fostering lifelong connections to nature through outdoor education programs offered to all age groups. We provide experiential learning opportunities that inspire participants to explore, connect, and serve, while building healthy relationships with nature, community, and self.

Wild Whatcom seeks 4 enthusiastic AmeriCorps Outdoor Education Interns to work in Summer Camps. During our summer camps, AmeriCorps members will serve youth in programs by helping Wild Whatcom staff to provide additional leadership and supervision capacity. Summer Camps are 4-day (M-Th) Pre-K (ages 3-5) [day camps](#) and 5-day (M-F) 1st-8th grade [day camps](#) in parks in Whatcom County, focusing on naturalist knowledge, outdoor activities, and wilderness skills such as firecraft, carving, and camouflage.

This is a 300 hr internship. Schedule will be Mon-Fri, 4-5 days per week, for 9 weeks. Typical camp schedule will be between 8:00am-3:30pm with a 30 min lunch. Weekly hours vary from 25-37.5 hours/week. The total number of hours served at the end of the 9 week term will meet the minimum 300 hours requirement.

Internship training will begin **June 17th with final date Friday, Aug 16.**

Benefits:

- AmeriCorps Education Award of \$1,459.26 upon successful completion of term of service
- Forbearance for Federal Student Loans
- Training and practical hands-on experience working in outdoor and environmental recreation
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Access to Wild Whatcom's pro deal accounts during term and \$100 gear award, access to Wild Whatcom's gear lending library.

Responsibilities:

- Aid staff with behavior management
- Facilitate outdoor and wilderness skills activities provided by Wild Whatcom staff
- Participate in regular meetings with Program Director or Camps Manager to discuss tasks and learning opportunities
- Participate in weekly gear maintenance and repair
- Practice effective risk management at all times, creating a safe learning experience for all
- Maintain clear, responsive, honest, and respectful communications with participants and staff
- Perform office/clerical duties as requested
- Americorps/CLEC Responsibilities:
 - Abide by all AmeriCorps program guidelines, policies, and prohibited activities.
 - Routinely refer to Member Service Agreement requirements.

- Complete all data collection and progress reporting requirements (review with supervisor during your first week of service).
- Participate in all required WACC CLEC online & in-person trainings.
- Correspond regularly with site supervisor and WACC staff.
- Record and track service hours and submit regular timesheets.
- Collaborate with other CLEC team members and national service members in your community on common projects.
- Generate awareness and leadership around social justice and equity through the sharing of ideas, information, and experiences.
- Participate in professional development opportunities.

Required Qualifications:

- Passion for facilitating meaningful connections to nature and community, ideally with a basic knowledge of ecology and/or outdoor skills
- Enthusiasm for and/or experience working with youth
- Personal or professional experience recreating in outdoor environments
- Strong work ethic and professional work habits (punctual, responsive, organized, detailed)
- Ability to pass a national service criminal history check (for convicted murder or sexual offenses)
- Be 18 or older
- AA/BA or some college
- United States citizen, naturalized citizen, or lawful permanent resident
- Committed to serving 100% of service hours

To Apply:

Please submit a **cover letter, resume, and 2 references in one PDF file** to jobs@wildwhatcom.org. The email subject line should read: [Your name] Summer Camp AmeriCorps. Direct any questions to the Wild Whatcom Hiring Team at jobs@wildwhatcom.org.

***Positions to remain open until filled. ***

Wild Whatcom is actively committed to social equity and justice and encourages candidates of all racial and gender identities, cultural and economic backgrounds, and of any sexual orientation to apply. Wild Whatcom is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, or marital status in employment or the provision of services.