



Now Recruiting for Environmental Education Specialist



Position Title: Environmental Education Specialist (AmeriCorps member)

Service Location: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa, ID 83686, <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat>, phone: 208-467-9278

Position Summary:

The Environmental Education Specialist will work with Refuge staff and volunteers to develop and expand environmental education (EE) and interpretive opportunities that foster understanding of and responsibility for Deer Flat NWR and other local ecosystems. The member will 1) increase awareness of Refuge EE and interpretive programs through outreach to schools, community groups, and families (20% of time), 2) conduct on- and off-site EE programs for pre-K-12 students and community groups (45% of time), 3) coordinate on-site interpretive programs for community groups and the general public, including the Wild About Life lecture series and special events like BioBlitz (25% of time), and 4) develop and sustain partnership(s) with local schools and/or community organizations to encourage area youth to connect with nature through on- and off-site outdoor activities (10% of time). Twelve-month position from September 2012 – August 2013.

Position Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

- Increase awareness of refuge EE and interpretive offerings through community outreach.
- Conduct on- and off-site EE programs for pre-K-12 students and community groups, including day camps, preschool reading programs, monthly Scout Day, and the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest.
- Work with partners to develop and/or improve on- and off-site EE programs.
- Research and design curricula that support state educational standards and benchmarks.
- Coordinate a monthly natural history lecture series with invited guest speakers.
- Coordinate special events, including Creepy Critter Encounters and BioBlitz.
- Recruit, train, and facilitate volunteers to help with EE programs and special events.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.

Member Benefits include:

- Free housing available on site.
- Access to government vehicle for member service activities.
- Funding may be available for some position-related training.
- A taxable, monthly living allowance: \$12,100 throughout entire term of service.
- Upon successful completion of a full term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$5,550.
- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Health care benefits (unless otherwise covered by a health care policy).
- Child care assistance for those who qualify.

Apply at my.AmeriCorps.gov
Applications will be reviewed beginning June 18, 2012
For more information:

Visit <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/ameriCorps.html>

or

Contact Susan Kain at susan_kain@fws.gov or 208-467-9278

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Requirements:

- A background in environmental education, wildlife biology, natural resources, or a related field. A bachelor's degree is a plus, but not required.
- Desire to serve with people to promote education, environmental stewardship, and an ethic of service.
- Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, students, and the general public.
- The ability to work independently and cooperatively as part of a team.
- A willingness to ask questions for clarification and job completion.
- A commitment to the goals of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and computer skills.
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- Serve occasional evenings and weekends.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Valid driver's license and good driving record. Drive government vehicle as required for position.
- Regular and reliable attendance.
- 17 years of age or older.
- U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- Possession of a high school diploma or GED
- Clean background check.

Preferred Qualifications:

- An independent, self-motivated, creative, and resourceful individual to work with diverse groups of people.
- Experience working with the general public and children in indoor and outdoor settings.
- Familiarity with the natural history of southwest Idaho.
- Experience developing and conducting EE and interpretive programs.
- Familiarity with national and state educational standards.
- Ability to speak Spanish a plus.

To apply:

- Submit application online at my.AmeriCorps.gov; mention Refuge as requested placement site.
- For more information about the position, contact susan_kain@fws.gov, phone: 208-467-9278
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For more information on AmeriCorps contact Lewis-Clark Service Corps, 208.854-6727, Judy.Bittick@boiseschools.org

Organization's Mission: The mission of Deer Flat NWR is to serve as a refuge and breeding grounds for migratory birds and other wildlife. It is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, whose mission is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.