

AFHA AmeriCorps 2018 / 2019 Positions

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Three refill AFHA AmeriCorps positions are now available.

Term of service is one year from member start date; early Jan start date is highly desirable.

See www.appalachianforest.us/ameri-corps.htm for general information about our program and application process.

Contact afha@appalachianforest.us for current information on openings and to send cover letter.

Monongahela National Forest, North Zone Recreation - Petersburg and Seneca Rocks, WV

Supervisor, Alex Schlueter

Spend a year on the Mon! The North Zone of the Monongahela National Forest seeks a hardworking, creative candidate to assist in recruiting and organizing volunteers, to teach local children lifelong skills related to natural resources, and to present interpretive programs to visitors of all ages. The experience will frequently bring you out of the office and into local classrooms, on the trails, or to the wonderful Seneca Rocks Discovery Center. This visitor center is one of many attractions the northern half of the Monongahela has to offer including Spruce Knob (the highest point in WV), the rock climbing destination known as Seneca Rocks, five Wildernesses, and many more. The Mountain State is calling you. See what it has to offer!

Monongahela National Forest, Community Development and Outreach - Marlinton, WV

Supervisor, Cynthia Sandeno

Do you want to make a difference in the rural communities of West Virginia? Do you have passion for outreach and education? This is your chance to make a difference! This position will focus heavily on organizing meetings to bring partners together to help develop a shared natural resource vision; actively seek out opportunities for the Forest Service to integrate more fully into the community, and work with schools concerning the mission, programs, and activities of the Forest Service. This exciting position will also center on volunteer engagement and outreach with the Botany and Ecology program at the Marlinton Ranger District. The ideal candidate would have strong communication skills, experience with managing projects and volunteers and the ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions for extended periods of time. Low-cost housing may be available.

If you enjoy developing partnerships, educating others about our public lands, and want the opportunity to learn about the flora of West Virginia, apply today!

Potomac Highland Regional Outdoor and Conservation Coordinator - Wardensville/Moorefield, WV

Supervisor, Tina Metzger

This position will continue the exciting work of previous AmeriCorps members and a regional consortium in developing tourism and economic opportunity based on outdoor assets in the beautiful Potomac Highlands region of West Virginia.

The Regional Outdoor and Conservation Coordinator will work with other Potomac Highlands AmeriCorps members, the regional Consortium and Tourism Council, and local partners, to develop opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Potomac Highlands as it relates to outdoor recreation, conservation, and ecotourism opportunities. The outdoor and conservation component will work with current regional plans by specifically expanding the regional outlook for natural, cultural, and conservation tourism. Projects include facilitating and expanding the "Outdoor Challenge" and developing Ecotourism and Outdoor Trails networking. May include some trail development or clean-up activities.

Working together these AmeriCorps members help coordinate regional tourism development efforts across counties the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia (Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, Tucker, Grant, Pendleton, Randolph & Pocahontas counties), serving with Eastern WV Community and Technical College and its Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (IREED), while partnering with WVU Extension, Eastern programs, County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and existing organizations. While recognizing the uniqueness of each county, they will work with volunteers to focus on tourism as a regional collaborative effort, identifying existing and potential assets, creating entrepreneurial opportunities, and marketing the "Potomac Highlands Region."

Member will have the opportunity to learn about the tourism industry, and how to develop and enhance tourism product experiences for visitors. Candidate should be well organized and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Must have own transportation for substantial regional travel; expect some weekend duties.

Next Term Openings

Positions for the 2019-2020 term will be posted in May, with recruitment starting then for positions that start September 2019.