

Position Description

900 Hour AmeriCorps Member

Tongue River and Rosebud Battlefield State Parks

Decker, Montana



Term of service: April 9, 2018 – September 14, 2018

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 915 hours over a 23 week term, averaging 41 hours per week with 40 hours of “Time Not Scheduled to Serve” to be used as sick, vacation, or other personal leave.

Position Summary: Tongue River and Rosebud Battlefield State Park offers this AmeriCorps Member a chance at rural living and the opportunity to enjoy wide open spaces to live and work in. Tongue River State Park is a 642-acre state park located on the shores of Tongue River Reservoir located in south eastern Montana on the Wyoming border. Tongue River State Park offers abundant wildlife watching and incredible recreation opportunities that draws visitors from far away including: camping, fishing, and various watersports activities.

Located 16 miles from Tongue River State Park, Rosebud Battlefield (RBBF) State Park. At 3,052 acres Rosebud Battlefield State Park is the third largest park by acreage in the Montana State Parks system. Mostly undeveloped, Rosebud Battlefield offers wildlife watching, hiking, and many culturally important sites including a buffalo jump, pictograph, and Battlefield. This State Park preserves the rolling grass hills that tell the story of the June 17th, 1876 Battle of the Rosebud between the U.S. Army under Gen. George Crook and the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapahoe. The Battle of the Rosebud was the precursor to future engagements of the Indian Wars, and led directly to the more widely known Battle of the Little Big Horn.

The AmeriCorps Member will be given the chance to serve in many capacities at both State Parks from contributing to the noxious weed management plan, working with local Native American tribes, to helping with kids fishing days. Housing is provided for this AmeriCorps member in shared housing utilized by the Parks Staff located at Tongue River

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members perform capacity building activities. Their service revolves around the program goals listed below in order to ensure that they do not displace workers or take part in any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members *will* likely participate in activities that involve recurring contact with vulnerable populations.

Member will contribute to the following program goals:

- Improve park land
- Expand educational and interpretive programs
- Increase volunteer capacity*



- Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks
- Participate in service activities including National Days of Service**
- Respond to disasters, when called upon to do so by the program

Specific Position Responsibilities:

- **Improve park land**
 - Plan and construct interpretive area at Tongue River State Park for fire side chats
 - Noxious weed mitigation and weed mapping at Rosebud Battlefield State Park (RBBF). Using chemical and biological controls to control and eliminate noxious weed species. Maintain weed maps of RBBF using GPS and arc-gis.
 - GPS fenced park boundaries to help assess the needs of the boundary fence in preparation and implementation of a possible grazing program at RBBF
- **Expand educational and interpretive programs**
 - Create and lead interpretive programs at Tongue River State Park for park patrons. Programs should be designed for a variety of people.
- **Increase volunteer capacity**
 - Create and manage volunteer based weed pulling days
 - Work with local fishing clubs to further enhance kids fishing days
- **Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks**
 - Collaborate with Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribes in activities surrounding Rosebud Battlefield State Park i.e. creating a meaningful day of commemoration for the 1876 battle.

Site Supervisor should list a total of 6 to 8 specific position responsibilities (Please use bullets) that correspond with the four program goals listed above. Please go beyond just listing tasks, and describe responsibilities broader.

Minimum Requirements:

- Over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred
- A United States citizen, United States National, or legal permanent resident alien
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to take initiative, handle multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information, and meet deadlines
- Strong ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer proficiency
- Passion for the outdoors and enthusiasm for enhancing Montana's state parks
- A driver's license and personal means of transportation within the state of Montana
- Must pass the requirements of the National Service Criminal History Check

Benefits:

- Living allowance of \$5,175 over a 23 week term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of \$2,907.50 upon successful completion of service. This award can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training and resources, or to repay qualified student loans. Members aged 55 and over may transfer the education award to a child, grandchild or foster child.
- Eligible for deferment on qualified student loans
- Guaranteed health benefits and child care assistance if qualified
- Experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, parks management, interpretive services, education, community outreach, and volunteer management
- Opportunity to live, work and be part of the team amid the natural wonders and cultural heritage of Montana State Parks

To Apply:

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps only accepts applications through the my.americorps.gov portal. To apply, you can follow the link [HERE](#) to our application within my.americorps.gov. Please note, there is only one application for all of our 900 hour positions, placement preference will be assessed during the interview process.

* Volunteer activity facilitated by AmeriCorps members supports the management and operation of State Parks. These activities do not include any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.

**Service activities will center around the preceding program goals as well as provide unique opportunities for members to engage in service to non-profit community organizations that provide support to those in need, including victims of national disasters, individuals and families in poverty, veterans, homeless animals, and other groups. Service projects will take place on and around designated National Days of Service as well as other AmeriCorps organized events, such as member trainings. Service activities will not include any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.

The Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Program, as administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, shall provide equal access to opportunities provided by the Program and shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship. The accommodation must be essential for the Member to perform his/her service successfully. Funds for reasonable accommodations are available for use by members with disabilities who have been offered a position with an AmeriCorps Program and require an accommodation to fulfill the essential functions of their service.