



Position Title: AmeriCorps Outreach Educator

Position Service Site: Beaver Creek Reserve – Fall Creek, WI, Eau Claire County

Service Time:

- Beaver Creek Reserve Educator Training: September 8-11, 2026 (attendance required)
- AmeriCorps Term: September 14, 2026 – August 27, 2027 (1,700 Hour AmeriCorps Term, full-time) (51 weeks @ 35-40 hours/week)

Benefits:

- Bi-weekly living stipend = \$857.69
- Education Award = \$7,395 upon successful completion of service
- Onsite housing available, if needed.
- Use of recreational equipment (cross country skis, snowshoes, kayaks, canoes, and telescope).

Requirements: Covid-19 vaccine required, see below for additional requirements.

PURPOSE: AmeriCorps members will provide capacity-building service to a 79-year-old nature center and 400-acre reserve. Members' focus will be to connect all people with nature throughout the Chippewa Valley and northwestern Wisconsin.

OVERVIEW: Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) is an environmental education center founded in 1947. The 400-acre nature reserve includes the Eau Claire County Youth Camp, the Wise Nature Center, Citizen Science Center, seasonal Butterfly House, and the Hobbs Observatory. This unique combination of facilities provides a special atmosphere where people, young and old alike, can discover, learn and appreciate the mysteries and miracles of the world where we live. Beaver Creek Reserve is the bridge that connects what youth and adults learn in their everyday environment and adds real-life tangible experiences that support growth and understanding of the natural world.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: The AmeriCorps Outreach Educator is a position, which is shared between two departments: Marketing & Education. The goal of this position is to expand community partnerships through various educational opportunities and outreach in the Chippewa Valley. Service includes some evenings and weekends, as needed. The breakdown of the position is as follows-

- **Marketing:** Build community relationships through attending outreach events, assisting with special events, and assisting the Volunteer Coordinator with large volunteer groups.
- **Education:** Hosting on & off-site programming, building lesson plans & curriculums for partner organizations, assisting with summer camps and field trips, and assisting with daily care for our live animal ambassadors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Community Outreach

Represent Beaver Creek Reserve through outreach initiatives while building relationships with local organizations and community partners.

- Assist with coordinating and attending tabling events



RESPONSIBILITIES (*continued*):

Community Outreach (*continued*)

- Plan and present at both on and off site educational programs (ex. Earth Talks: 1-hour program on a nature-based subject)
- Assist with recruiting and hosting third-party instructors (guest speakers outside of Beaver Creek Reserve staff)
- Collaborate with other Beaver Creek Reserve departments to enhance outreach and education efforts
- Other duties as assigned

Education

Support the Education Department through various nature-based educational opportunities.

- Lead and assist Education Team with PreK-12 and higher education field trips
- Assist with organizing and leading summer camps
- Develop lesson plans and program schedules for partner organizations (ex. Our Nawakwa Camp, local State Parks, etc.)
- Present with live animals including reptiles, amphibians, and raptors at public programs
 - Participate in daily animal care routines (care, handling, training) of animal ambassadors
- Contribute to day-to-day operations, including occasional weekend and evening programs
- Assist in the design, upkeep, and interpretation of learning spaces (ex. exhibits, trail signage, gardens, and interpretive displays)
- Help with annual special events (ex. Maple Fest, Native Plant Sale, Butterfly Fest, Boofest, Candlelight Snowshoe Hikes)
- Other duties as assigned

Volunteer Management

Build relationships with community partners through volunteer service.

- Assist the Volunteer Coordinator with large volunteer groups, including corporate teams and partner organizations
- Assist the Volunteer Coordinator with volunteer service days and appreciation events (e.g., United Way's Day of Caring)
- Communicate regularly with volunteers and staff; provide back-up support when needed
- Represent the organization at community events to engage and recruit new volunteers
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree or experience in Biology, Natural Sciences, Education, Environmental Studies, or related field
- Passion for nature and environmental education
- Experience working with volunteers and students (preK-12 and adults)



QUALIFICATIONS (*continued*):

- Excellent organizational and communication skills (written and oral)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Zoom, and Canva
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision, and collaboratively
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions
- Comfortable working with live animals
- Flexible schedule to meet seasonal demands
- Ability to be a team player (step in when needed)
- Motivated and demonstrates initiative, adaptability, and creative thinking
- Pay incredible attention to detail, and able to multitask in a dynamic environment

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- Work is half-sedentary in an office setting, and half outdoors. May be more or less in the office or outside depending on the season
- Live animal care and enclosure maintenance included
- Outdoor work may occur in a variety of weather conditions, and involve some lifting, carrying, bending, and hiking across uneven terrain
- Ability to lift up 40-50 lbs, hike up to 5 miles in a day, and sit or stand for extended periods of time
- Some weekend and evening hours are required

TRAINING:

- Beaver Creek Reserve Educator Training: September 8-11, 2026 (attendance required) - BCR will hire = \$343.08 for training.
- AmeriCorps Orientation: September 14-18, 2026 (attendance required)
- Beaver Creek Reserve Host-Site Training: September 21-25, 2026 (attendance required)
- Midterm training Spring 2027. Date & location TBD. (attendance required)
- Monthly AmeriCorps Team Meetings

BENEFITS:

- Bi-weekly living allowance and Education Award with successful completion of 1,700-hour service term (see above).
- No-cost individual health, dental, and vision insurance.
- Low to no-cost childcare assistance available.
- All members are eligible for loan forbearance and interest accrual payments with qualified student loans.
- Mileage, meals, and housing are provided for all required MCHS AmeriCorps trainings and events.
- On-site, communal housing available at Beaver Creek Reserve, if needed.
- A meaningful experience that allows you to learn new skills, take on new responsibilities, and engage with your community in intensive and effective ways.



AMERICORPS RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Mid-term and final performance evaluations conducted by supervisor
- Weekly timesheets
- Member Service Plan for tracking achieved goals
- Quarterly written reflections & completion of foundational public health training, self-paced (16-20 hrs)
- Community Health training
- Member surveys and exit survey

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE:

- Members must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or legal permanent resident alien of the United States.
- Members must be at least 17 years of age by their start date (September 14, 2026).
- Members must have a HS Diploma, GED certificate, or must be working toward attaining a high school diploma or GED during their term of service.
- Members must be able to pass a criminal, FBI, and DMV background check.
- Members must accept position as a full-time priority over other jobs and be able to complete their 1,700-hour term of service.

For more information on AmeriCorps Member positions, please see below:
[Marshfield Clinic Health System AmeriCorps Community Corp](#)

HOUSING: Members who choose on-site housing should be prepared to live in communal housing with other members of the program/organization/agency. Members should expect to have roommates, and maintain shared living spaces.

APPLY: The deadline to apply for this position is **June 30, 2026**. Interviews will be held in July, with a decision made by July 31.

Send resume and 3 professional references to:

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