

PCC: NATURALIST CREW MEMBER

As part of our team, you'll be at the forefront of preserving parks, enriching the community's access to nature, and ensuring future generations can enjoy these green spaces. Not only will you contribute to vital conservation efforts, but you'll also gain practical skills and certifications that propel your career forward. Join us and be a catalyst for positive change in Polk County – your adventure in conservation starts here! As a Polk County Conservation AmeriCorps Naturalist, with Polk County Conservation, you are a part of a statewide service network that brings exciting and educational experience to Iowa Youth! You will deliver high-level positive youth development activities to youth in your community using research-based curriculums in STEM, Outdoor Recreation, and Environmental Education. No matter what your passion area or background, your service WILL make a difference in a young person's life. Two Quarter Time Naturalists will serve with Polk County Conservation as part of the Polk County Conservation AmeriCorps Program. AmeriCorps members develop skills that build a strong, leadership-packed résumé, earn a living stipend (\$6,000), and receive a Segal Education Award upon completion \$1,956.35 to pay for higher education or qualified student loans. These positions are quarter time members who will serve a minimum of 450 hours over 12 weeks, serving approximately 38 hours per week. Site Location: Jester Park

Member Duties : •Plan and execute audience appropriate environmental education and outdoor recreational programs for summer youth groups and child care services. •Learn from full-time staff how to maintain the live animal exhibit at the Jester Park Nature Center using an established care in captivity SOP. •Maintain accurate program data. Program numbers such, attendance, presentations, and hours will be recorded in a google document after each daily program. Training will be provided verbally and in the Environmental Education SOP. •Develop one new 45-minute program or activity for use with a summer camp in which the member is assigned. New activities are nature-based and the member can develop the program/activity based on the camp theme. •Interact with visitors to the Jester Park Nature Center and provide interpretation on the Center's displays, trails, and amenities. Members will receive training on visitor engagement during the onboarding process.

Program Benefits : Education award upon successful completion of service , Living Allowance , Housing , Training , \$80/month cellphone stipend .

Terms :
Permits attendance at school during off hours , Car recommended , Permits working at another job during off hours .

Service Areas :
Community Outreach , Education , Children/Youth , Environment .

Skills :
Education , Leadership , Environment , General Skills , Team Work , Youth Development .

SUMMARY	
Program Type:	AmeriCorps State / National
Program	PCC: NATURALIST CREW MEMBER
Program Start/End Date	05/19/2025 - 08/20/2025
Work Schedule	Full Time
Education level	Some college
Age Requirement	Minimum: 17 Maximum: None
Program Locations	IOWA
Accepting Applications	From 10/04/2024 To 04/28/2025
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