

**National Forest Association
Urban Conservation Corps**

PART TIME JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Department: Urban Conservation Corps

Program: Forest Steward Program/ CAL GRIP

Position: Naturalist/Program Coordinator

Hours: Up to 18 hrs per week (the hours are every Sunday – 7am to 4pm & 5-8 hours per week that are arranged to prepare for Sunday Activities)

Rate: \$12-\$15 per hour (depending on experience)

The National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps is seeking a creative Naturalist to lead the UCC Forest Steward Program, a program initiative funded under the Cal GRIP. The UCC Forest Steward Program teaches inner city middle school age kids (9-12 years old) about the natural world, with an emphasis on the San Bernardino National Forest. All educational activities are carried out on Sundays (7am to 4pm).

What is the Forest Steward Program?

The National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps (Forest Steward Program) is a new program that offers inner city kids (ages 9-12 years old) an opportunity to learn about the San Bernardino National Forest and the important concept of forest stewardship. Inner city children/youth from San Bernardino often know very little about the forests and natural areas that are only a few miles away from their backyards.

The Forest Steward Program is an environmental education initiative that gets inner city kids excited and interested in forest stewardship, as well as the natural sciences. The program is six month long and it meets every Sunday on the San Bernardino National Forest or at the Urban Conservation Corps Center.

A trained naturalist leads the program and designs weekly lesson plans that cover an array of topics in sustainable forestry, natural resources, water, earth sciences, and wildlife. In addition, the program offers youth monthly education stipends up to \$30 per month. The program can accommodate up to 15 kids (ages 9-12) per program period. The NFA UCC Forest Steward Program encourages kids understanding about forest stewardship, collaborative learning through discussion, and hands-on learning through activity. It raises awareness of stewardship concepts and the importance of being a steward of the natural world.

Job Description of the Naturalist/ Program Coordinator

Under the direction of the Program Manager, the Naturalist/ Program Coordinator shall perform the following duties:

- Leads the Sunday Team of UCC staff and AmeriCorps members ;
- Responsible for developing, preparing and teaching instructional materials relative to interpretive activities on the San Bernardino National Forest for middle school age inner city multi-cultural students up to 15 in a group.
- Coordinate other activities and duties as directed by the program manager

QUALIFICATIONS

- B.A Degree in Natural Sciences or within a year of completed the degree (students will be considered if they have experience working with inner city youth)
- Must have teaching experience in some type of educational setting such as youth groups or in classrooms or outdoor education
- Must be responsible, reliable and punctual
- Knowledge of the San Bernardino National Forest trees, plants and wildlife
- Ability to identify teacher resources on forestry/natural resources to develop lesson plans
- Ability to work and relate to inner city multicultural middle school age youth (10-12 years)
- Must have a commitment to educating inner city youth in regards to the environment
- Ability to work well with limited supervision
- Ability to hike on mountain trails
- Ability to work outside in a variety of weather conditions and temperatures
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must live in or around the City of San Bernardino or live in a nearby city
- Must be interested and able to attend any overnight weekend camping trips if needed
- Must have a positive attitude and a great sense of humor

This position starts as of January 16, 2010