To strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research.

**PROGRAMS**

**VetsWork Environment** engages military veterans in natural resources and public lands management through a 45 week career development internship program.

**Cascade Mountain School** is a residential Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program for students curious about exploring and understanding the natural world.

**Public Lands Stewards** is a career development program for young adults, ages 21-30, interested in learning more about public lands management.

**VetsWork GreenCorps** is a career training program for military veterans interested in wildland firefighting.

Program participants completed over **57,800 hours of volunteer service on public lands!**
"The camaraderie and intensity on the crew is something I have missed sorely since my time in the Marines and having it back is worth all the blood, sweat and tears."

- Eric Leight, 2017 VetsWork GreenCorps AmeriCorps Member

"Mt. Adams Institute valued my potential and saw the possibilities in my future. Not only do they offer you the chance of a lifetime, in getting your foot-in-the door, towards an environmental career future, even if you don’t have an environmental or wildlife-related degree, but they support you throughout your journey, every single step of the way!"

- Misty Stoneburner, 2017 VetsWork Environment Americorps Member

An independent evaluation conducted by North Carolina State University shows that the veterans participating in Mt. Adams Institute’s VetsWork program experience significant growth in job confidence, sense of purpose, civilian job confidence, and initiative as a result of the program.

242 community volunteers engaged.

6,326 acres improved overall.

Over 40 days of fighting wildfires.

54 veterans hired into the field since program inception.

Planted over 128,000 trees, plants, and shrubs.

880 students exposed to environmental education.
Cascade Mountain School

60 MILES RAFTED

83 SCHOLARSHIPS

10 DAY CAMPS
5 OVERNIGHT CAMPS
4 CUSTOM SCHOOL PROGRAMS
9 ADULT & FAMILY WORKSHOPS

35 LBS OF TRAIL MIX CONSUMED

647 MILES HIKED
"The experiences that I have been able to be a part of these last months are forever life changing. I can't begin to express how thankful I am for the position that I have been placed in. I have gained so much knowledge; everything from a behind the scenes look at how the Forest Service operates, to the hands on experiences of public contact, trail work and so much more. You can't put a price tag or value on something like this."

-Jeff Arndt, 2017 Public Lands Stewards AmeriCorps Member
NEW PROJECTS FOR 2018

Endowment for Cascade Mountain School scholarships

As Cascade Mountain School continues to grow, we want to provide more kids with the opportunity to attend camp and connect with the natural world! In 2018, we’re going to create an endowment to offer scholarships in perpetuity.

More scholarships mean more kids from all backgrounds have the opportunity to go to camp.

VetsWork Apprenticeship Program

After two long years of preparation, Mt. Adams Institute will launch the nationally recognized Department of Labor Apprenticeship program. This will allow veterans to utilize their GI Bill benefits while they participate in the VetsWork program. As a result more veterans will be able to opt into the program.

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