MISSION

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

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMS

Over 60,000 hours of volunteer service completed on public lands!
Since 2014, 81% of participants who completed the program have been offered employment within the field.

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**VetsWork Environment & GreenCorps**

- **4,760** students exposed to environmental education.
- **8,057** trees, plants, and shrubs planted.
- **385** Miles of Trails Maintained.
- **337** Community Volunteers Engaged.
- **4,760** students exposed to environmental education.
- **1,786** miles of public roads assessed.
- **200** hatchery fish cared for.

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**Elamon White**

Partnership & Volunteer Coordinator Intern
Sumter National Forest

"It seemed too good to be true; the VetsWork program was exactly what I was looking for in a career change. I wanted to pursue a job in the environmental conservation field and begin a career where I would feel passionate about the work I was doing.

I have found purpose in my life and want to continue efforts in protecting and stewarding our public lands so that we have them for future generations."

**Elaon received 2018 Corpsmember of the Year Award!**

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**Nick Perrone**

GreenCorps Member/ Umatilla Vet Crew
Umatilla National Forest

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CASCADE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

12 DAY CAMPS
5 OVERNIGHT CAMPS
4 OUTDOOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS

40 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

5,222 HOURS SPENT AT SUMMER CAMP

35 MILES HIked

22 NIGHTS SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS
Planted over 145,900 native trees, plants, and shrubs.

Removed over 435,000 invasive aquatic species.

Engaged 1,212 students with science education.

Maintained 2,488 miles of public hiking trails.

"None of this would be possible if it weren’t for the people at Mt. Adams Institute. The emphasis put on finding a sense of place is only affirmed in the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff there. They have truly made me feel like part of a community that I couldn’t have imagined myself.

I skipped my college graduation because I was excited to move out here and every moment has been worth it. This was the first job I’ve had where I felt like a valued individual."

Hannah Jackson
Refuge Technician
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge
ANNOUNCEMENTS

AmeriCorps Programs Expansion

We are excited to announce that we are expanding! In Spring of 2019, we received $1,119,904 in AmeriCorps funding to be dispersed annually for the next 3 years from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency responsible for AmeriCorps and other national service programs.

This funding will support five new Mt. Adams Institute staff positions and up to 95 AmeriCorps members across the country in our VetsWork and Public Lands Stewards programs!

Capital Campaign Pavilion Project

With expansion of our programs comes the need to expand our physical capacity. We've have launched a capital campaign to raise funds for a new education and dining pavilion!

The project will increase our education and dining space as well as extend our program season. By building it, we will be able to:

- Offer Outdoor School programs in spring and fall seasons which means 350 more young people can experience time outside
- Increase the number of veterans and young adults in VetsWork and Public Lands Stewards by 70%

Interested supporters should check out our website for more info!

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