



The HEART

Special Edition:
Life After
AmeriCorps

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From the Editor:

This is an excerpt of Tom Coburn's (R-OK) speech to the Senate on May 2, 2006 discussing the AmeriCorps*NCCC program and making supplemental appropriations for last year's budget (www.thomas.loc.gov). Even though this is from last year, we are still a hot debate within the government, which seems to be the case every year.

"The idea behind (AmeriCorps*NCCC) is fine. They have done a great deal of work on the Gulf coast. However, there are some real problems with this program. The House also has significant problems with this program.

Here is the key point: **It has never had a comprehensive evaluation in 13 years to see if it accomplishes anything of importance.** Compared to all the other AmeriCorps service programs, this one is about 50 percent more costly per person. This one costs \$28,000 per volunteer for 10 months. That annualized out to \$34,000 per person per year.

People will oppose this. I have no lack of reality in knowing we do not have an opportunity to eliminate this money. However, contrast what actually happened on the Gulf coast with this AmeriCorps. We had people from all over this country go down and help. We didn't pay them a penny. We had college students from all across this country spend their spring breaks, their Christmas breaks, their Thanksgiving breaks on the Gulf coast volunteering. We had churches, civic organizations, local charities, we did not pay them a penny. They all came because there was a need.

There is something very wrong behind the idea that we have to pay people to be volunteers. As a matter of fact, it is an oxymoron. You cannot have a paid volunteer because they are not volunteering if they are getting paid. The motivation and commitment shown by true volunteers is unmatched by any congressional appropriation. The Nation is answering the call to be Good Samaritans and treat others the way they want to be treated."

On the other hand, we are lucky to have a lot of really great people backing our program. David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, discussed AmeriCorps at the 2007 Hands on Leadership Conference: "If we had a political system that wanted to get things done to better our communities...I think we would be in a different place. If you have AmeriCorps continually focusing on a community, you have the capacity to lift past success in to future success."

I hope this will inspire you to become passionate about NCCC while you are serving, and continue to identify with and advocate for the program in your life *after* AmeriCorps.

Jenna Rosengren, GNE

AmeriCorps Alums Conference

By Jenna Rosengren

The AmeriCorps Alums Conference was held in the Sheraton Hotel of New Orleans from Tuesday, March 13 through Saturday, March 17, in conjunction with the Hands On Network's 2007 Leadership Conference. The event kicked off with a service day on Tuesday, followed by three days of seminars, meetings and presentations, ending with another service day and closing celebrations on Saturday.

The seminar covered a vast array of topics and included people from all over the world, presenting and attending intimate small group meetings. It was an energetic and inspiring five days, with many opportunities for discussion and the exchange of ideas. Topics ranged from disaster relief to community cinema, and everything in between. Even though many of the topics were centered around the progression of the Alums group, there was ample information that was pertinent to current Corps Members. Much of the information discussed during the week will be used to improve the services offered by www.lifetimeofservice.org, the Alum website, and to reach out to current Corps Members as well as Alums.

Each year there are two conferences held by the Alum association. In March, the national conference takes place, in a location that changes every year. In the fall, regional gatherings are held across the country. These meetings are a chance for alums and partnering organizations to get together and work on growth of their chapters and reaching out to the ever increasing web of AmeriCorps members across the country.

Because of the integration of the Hands On conference and the AmeriCorps Alums conference, the Alums were able to take advantage of the opportunities that the world-wide networking giant brought to the table. There



Panelists in discussion at the Hands On Leadership lunch.

Photo: J.Rosengren

was a large degree of media exposure and many chances to connect with other organizations around the country. This year, the conference offered a luncheon discussion, attended by David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, who encouraged the audience that "we need to increase the funding for AmeriCorps... but we can't do it alone, we need the rest of America to help." The conference was also visited by Kristin McSwain, the Director of AmeriCorps State/National.

The week was a positive infusion of information and ideas, ending with a celebration and performance by the Rebirth Brass Band at Tipitina's of New Orleans. The location for the Hands On Leadership Conference of 2008, San Francisco, was festively announced with singing, dancing and plenty of applause. Awards were presented, including the Eli Segal Award to Chris Myers Asch, and the celebration played into the night.

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AmeriCorps Alums Service Days



Paint rollers lined up and ready to go



Floyd Gummingsall and Veronica Kirin of Sacramento Red 4 lookin' good in their PPE.



Eli Segal Fellow John Enterline (back) and AmeriCorps Director Kristin McSwain working up a sweat.

Creative Leadership 101

By Jenna Rosengren

Based on the Creative Leadership 101 seminar at the AmeriCorps Alums Conference this past week, leaders are everywhere! There are many myths associated with a stereotypical leader, and some people may not even realize that they are or could be great leaders. There are a million different ways to lead, all of which are important and vital to our society, especially in service related issues.

Leadership Myths:

- Leaders...
- are very outspoken
 - have all the answers
 - take all the credit
 - are type "A" personalities
 - don't ever need help
 - based on position
 - possess a rare skill
 - must be charismatic

Leaders are people who take initiative, they are organized, lead by action, are

very adaptable and have a good sense of balance. They know when to follow and when to lead, are willing to serve and listen and believe in positive progression. A good leader will cultivate a sustainable environment in his or her absence. As you can see, being a leader does not fall under one definition, and it changes from person to person and scenario to scenario.

Leaders share four common characteristics. They have a vision, whether they know it at the time or realize it later. They see an ideal future state, which is clear and compelling. They utilize communication to encourage others and to express their goals. Leaders are also empowered and use their leadership to empower others. Finally, they create progress by action, and lead by example.

The Center for Creative Leadership, which trains executives at companies such as Nike, has created

the Creative Leadership Process, which is helpful to keep in mind when taking on large projects. It is as follows:

1. **Assessment:** what is the situation?
2. **Formulation:** dream big
3. **Transformation:** new questions and answers
4. **Goal setting:** see the big picture
5. **Planning and organizing:** detail, details, details
6. **Evaluation and control:** expect the unexpected
7. **Implementation:** getting things done!
8. **Reassessment, applause and encore:** Fix problems, celebrate, and start the next project.

Keeping these steps in mind will help you stay focused and on task in your next endeavor. AmeriCorps is a great leadership opportunity and being conscious of creative leadership can help you maximize your year of service, and continue to be successful and passionate in your life beyond the 'Corps.

Upcoming Events

MLS Soccer in the Gulf

March 25 at Tad Gormley Stadium

March 28 at LSU, Baton Rouge

The New England Revolution will take on Honduras CD on March 25 and the New Orleans Shell Shockers on March 28 in two preseason matches. This is a great chance to take a break and enjoy some high quality local, national and international competition. For more info and ticket prices:

www.revolutionsoccer.net

French Quarter Fest

April 13–15 New Orleans, LA

250 hours of free live music, 150 performers, 15 stages, 3 days all in the French Quarter. Great opportunity to get a taste of the real New Orleans. Forget Bourbon Street!

www.frenchquarterfestivals.org

JAZZFEST 2007

April 27- 29 and May 4- 6
New Orleans, LA

The premier music event of the year, featuring Steely Dan, The Allman Bros, Ludacris, Lucinda Williams, Van Morrison, ZZ top, Dr. John, Soulive, Counting Crows, Better Than Ezra and so many more, plus all the local music and food you can handle. For all of you missing out on music festivals back home, or the big ones like Wakarusa and Bonnaroo, you can get your fix here! Also available as an ISP—get in free with 15 hours of volunteer service! Call (504) 410-6129 for more information on how to sign up. But hurry, spots fill up quick. If you just want to attend the festival, tickets are \$35 per day.

www.nojazzfest.com

2007 Helen Keller Art Show of Mobile

April 2 Univ. of Southern Alabama

Work by visually impaired students across Alabama. Show runs until April 15. Contact Rexann Warner at (251) 460-7021 for hours and more information.

Ocean Springs Fresh Market

Saturdays from 9am-1pm

Ocean Springs, MS offers organic plants, produce, prepared food and more. This is an ongoing event, located at the Depot Parking Lot. Call (228) 875-4424 for more information.

National And Global Youth Service Day

April 20-21 Across the Gulf!

Individual Service Project Information

Opportunities For Service Hours in the Gulf Region



Book Relief/First Book

Help with free book distribution to children and schools in the Gulf Coast area.

Contact Lynda at
(202) 393-1222 or
llancaster@firstbook.org

Log on to
www.bookrelief.org for
more information.



Stand Up For Kids

Volunteering with children in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama. Visit the website for more information on how to get involved in your area.

www.standupforkids.org



WRBH Radio for the Blind

Read material over the radio to print handicapped and blind community members.

3606 Magazine St.
New Orleans

Saturday and Sunday
7am to 1pm
504-899-1144



Louisiana Children's Museum

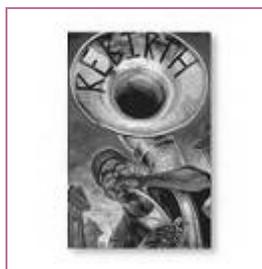
Help New Orleans rebuild and reconnect their community through play.

Visit www.lcm.org for more information or contact Simone at 504-586-0725

New Orleans International Human Rights Film Festival

Volunteers needed for April 12-22, helping with publicity and public support.

Visit
www.nolahumanrights.org
for volunteer applications
and contact information.



JazzFest

Many opportunities to volunteer—but hurry it's coming up soon!

April 27-29 and May 4-6
Call 504-410-6129 for
more information or visit
www.nojazzfest.co

Pass Christian ISPs:

For more information about organizations that you can work with in the Pass for ISP hours, check out

www.rebuildthepass.org

Volunteer opportunities are listed with the following groups:

- *Katrina Rebuilds Lives
- *Randy's Rangers
- *Pass Christian Rises
- *Letters from the Pass
- *Mission Discovery
- *Mennonite Disaster Services
- *Operation Love Thy Neighbor
- *Camp Coast Care
- *Gulf Coast Recovery Corps
- *God's Katrina Kitchen
- *Persevere

Current ISP Information:

If you need any information on ISPs or want the GLT to research projects and opportunities in your specific area, please do not hesitate to give the gulf project liaisons a call or drop them an email. We know you are busy, let us find your ISPs for you!

Call Chalee Madden at
843-513-7076

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Corps Member Spotlight: Ashley Kimmel, Denver Water 6

Editorial Published in USA Today, March 19, 2007

I am currently residing in a place called Camp Hope in Violet, Louisiana, just a few miles from the city of New Orleans. Violet is located in St. Bernard Parish, where 100 percent of the county was declared uninhabitable after the hurricanes came through. Camp Hope is a haven for volunteers and a few locals who seek a roof over their heads and food in their stomachs during the intense rebuilding process. More than that, it is a place to converse and unwind after the emotionally draining experiences we volunteers and residents have on a daily basis. It's a blessing to have such a place, even with half-finished walls, clogged toilets, concrete floors and steal-beamed ceilings and hallways. The camp used to be an elementary school that was completely wiped out by Katrina and gutted to the foundation, then turned into a volunteer base camp. This is where I call home for now and I feel very lucky.

I came down to New Orleans not knowing at all what to expect. Like many, I was glued to the television August 29th, 2005 and into the following long weeks and months as the world awaited the outcome. I remember being so confused about how this could all happen, why very little was being done and how I could be living my life like nothing was going on, like

the chaos on T.V. was some movie or reality show. I kept living. I kept living my comfortable life with all of my belongings and family nearby. I took it all for granted and forgot about the unfortunate people in the Gulf coast region.

Then I got a phone call. It was a lady from AmeriCorps *NCCC, a national service organization funded by the federal government. I had apparently filled out an application somewhere along the way, in my piles upon piles of unsuccessful attempts to find a job. The lady wanted to know if I was still interested and if I was prepared to schedule an interview in the following days. I, of course, jumped on the opportunity, as I was very frustrated with my lack of interviews and thought anything could be better than working at the coffee shop where I was working at the time. I got hired 24 short hours after my interview and about 24 short days later was in Denver training to be a Corps Member. It was here I found out that my first round project would be in the St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana.

My ten-person team made the trek from Denver to New Orleans in three tiring days. I felt anxious about my project. All I knew at this

point was that I'd be working with the St. Bernard Project, a non-profit rebuilding organization in the St. Bernard Parish. I wasn't all too excited, but was prepared to work and interested to see the progress of the New Orleans area. We pulled off of I-10, a little lost, but determined to make our way to camp. Fortunately, or unfortunately, our detour took us right through the heart of the destruction. I could never have prepared myself for what I saw: the houses and businesses in shambles, the real-life faces of the residents, the temporary housing situations, the lack of anything familiar. For a while, before I got the opportunity to see firsthand, I was told that things were looking up, that this place was getting back to normal. I continue to hope this is true, but I must say that I can't imagine how bad things really were after the storms if this is 'getting back to normal.' I am sure when things were 'normal' there were no big spray-painted 'X's' stating that four dead bodies were found in the house next door or that there wasn't a place nearby where you could get a few things for dinner. I am sure that the local fast food places and gas stations weren't destroyed and that

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Interviewing with non-profits

By Jenna Rosengren

Working for a non-profit is a unique career—it's all about the people. Each organization has a different working culture, which includes management type, diversity of employees, and physical environment. As a non-profit interviews potential employees, they weigh certain factors to determine the best fit for their organization. Most often, they will be looking for someone who is passionate about their cause; someone who has the ability to get involved, drop their personal work and step out of their comfort zone. They also look for adaptability, a team based working style, and the ability to work independently without direct supervision. Many non-profits place a high value on intellect as well. Potential employees should be ready to answer questions based on the Core Competency Model, which includes questions dealing with behavioral characteristics, and is being used widely within the industry. These questions don't necessarily focus on the employee's experience, but deal more with who the person is, what they can do for the employer and if they are a good cultural match. Questions that will be asked fall into four main categories including behaviorally based, which will ask candidates to describe past experiences in which they were able to demonstrate specific competencies. Questions will be relevant to the characteristics that the interviewing party has identified as pertinent to their organization and will most likely be initiating and open-ended in nature, allowing insight into thought processes and opportunity for follow up questions. The interview will probably occur in stages by a team of people. Questions that might be asked could include why the employee is passionate about the role, what is the employee's personal mission and how does he or she connect to the organization. They might also ask how past success could apply to the position being interviewed for. Ineffective interview questions will include leading the interviewee, asking a predictable question, being overly specific about organization facts, asking hypothetical questions, or asking questions that warrant yes or no answers. Questions that the interviewer asks can also give the potential employee insight into the organization, helping him or her determine if it is the best fit for them.

For more information on interviewing for non-profits and the Core Competency Model, visit <http://web.mit.edu/personnel/irt>.

Circuits are a fun way to enjoy a hard workout with your team. You can do stationary circuits or running circuits which have the same basic outline, except that you get a better cardio workout with the running circuits. For beginners start off slow and move up on the running speeds and times that you do the circuits.

PT Square

By Chalee Madden

Stationary Circuits:

Set up about 10-15 different exercises that a person can do while staying in one spot, such as different types of sit ups or push ups, jumping jacks, star jumps, calf raises, even crab walks from one spot to another. You can get creative as long as you know you are doing some form of physical fitness. Put the exercises in either a circle or in a straight line. Now start your team off with a good dynamic 15 minute warm up and stretch. Then separate everyone into pairs of 2. Each pair of 2 will start at a certain point in the circuit exercises, and give them 2 minute time set for each exercise, and 15 seconds in between to move to the next station. Make sure to get at least a good 10 minute stretch and cool down.

Running Circuits:

Start off the same way by picking 10-15 different exercises, but chose a number of times they should do the exercise. Say you pick push ups, have the limit at about 10-15, according to your teams fitness level. This time you will get your team in a group and have a good area to run as a group. Start again by having a good 15 minute dynamic warm up and stretch session. Have your team run at the same pace for 2 minutes, and then find a good stopping point to do an exercise. You will continue to do 2 minute runs and then an exercise. Make sure not to do too many of the same exercise or muscle group, because it can cause muscle soreness or tearing of the muscles. Also, if you have people that are at different fitness levels, have two or three different running groups and give them a small sheet with all the exercises to do. Don't forget to have fun!

If you need tips on dynamic warm-ups and stretches or other tips on physical fitness, please contact Chalee at GPLofGLT@gmail.com.

AmeriCorps Alums: a lifetime of service

By Jenna Rosengren



The end of the year comes quickly here in the NCCC—abrupt and sudden to unsuspecting Corps Members across all four campuses. Many of us face uncertain futures, afraid to be let back into the real world, severed from our safe Ameri-haven. Does one pursue a career? Finish college? Start college? Join a different AmeriCorps program? Do not fret, there is a large network of caring individuals who have been through it all: the **AmeriCorps Alums**.

AmeriCorps Alums is a group of former and current AmeriCorps State, National Direct, Vista, NCCC, and various other program members who have started chapters statewide throughout the country to promote AmeriCorps and its members by supporting current members and alumni, helping with career choices, networking, advocating for the program, and creating a web of people who care about a life time

of service from coast to coast.

This organization started in 1999 under the Corporation for National and Community Service. It shut down as its own 501(c)3 and reopened under the umbrella of the Hands On Network in 2004. It's been there ever since, and going strong to boot. This year the AmeriCorps Alums website had 4 million hits—which is quite a lot if you consider that there are around 400,000 alums in the country and only about 6,000 are actually registered on the website, www.lifetimeofservice.org. The goal of the organization is to raise their registered members to 15,000 this year.

What does this mean to a currently serving Corps Member? A LOT! One can become part of the AmeriCorps Alums even if he or she is a current member. By registering on the website, access to a plethora of benefits is gained. Corps Members can receive information on local and national events held by alums, keep updated on their home chapter, receive access to the

VAULT Career Library, keep connections that they have formed during their year of service, qualify for discounts on travel and other services, access information on education and advocacy and so much more. All of these services are free of cost, but only for a limited time. The organization will be instituting a member dues system in May. Members that register now will have full access to all the information that will be blocked to those users who have not paid.

The VAULT Career Library is especially useful, as it is a database of career summaries, industry information, personality matches for different job areas and downloadable publications on subject such as cover letters, resumes and interviews—all the information a Corps Member could ever ask for when trying to plan the next step.

Please register online for free before May at www.lifetimeofservice.org. If you like what you see, stay a member and pay your dues—surely a small price for a lifetime of service. Help keep AmeriCorps part of your life and other's, this year and beyond!

Staff Spotlight:

Michelle Royall, APD Charleston Campus



Michelle Royall has been on board with AmeriCorps since the very beginning—she was a Corps Member for Class I and a Team Leader for Class II. She has been at the Charleston Campus for the past 13 years and we will be sad to see her leaving as Charleston closes its doors this April. The NCCC would not be what it is

without her! Her passion and dedicated for this program and its members are what makes the NCCC as great as it is. She gives the best hugs, hands down! The Gulf Liaison Team would like to give her a shout out and thank her for all the hard work that she has done and to let her know that they will miss hanging out with her.

Good luck, Michelle! We'll miss you!

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people's families weren't spread around the country. I am sure that these people knew how to get around town following street signs and landmarks, which are now nonexistent. I was blown away. I was in tears, trembling at the site of what used to be people's lives. You can't imagine, unless you've seen it firsthand.

My first day at St. Bernard Project was the most inspiring day of my life. The founders are people like me, young people trying to make a life out of the things they are passionate about. After one visit to the region, Liz McCartney and Zack Rosenburg followed their hearts and opened one of the most amazing organizations I have ever seen or been a part of, the St. Bernard Project. I spend my days working on the website and newsletter for this wonderful organization, to fundraise and help the clients get back in their homes. Even though this organization is out of funding at present, they are doing everything they can to help rebuild the region, and that's the spirit of the whole place.

I'm convinced that the people with the least are the people who help the most. It's the norm to see a man or woman leaving the shambles of their own homes to paint the neighbors'. It's the norm to have a stranger carry your building supplies out of the Home Depot. It's the norm to be greeted with a smile and a firm handshake by the same person you've seen five times that day. It's the norm to be fed a home-cooked meal at every house you visit. This is the spirit of the Gulf region; these are the people who have nothing but their spirits left on which to rely.

I've seen a grown man come in the doors at St. Bernard Project's office and cry because he wasn't able to humble himself enough to ask for help. I've seen a man who finished working on his home in June of 2005, after spending 22 years on it, dancing around his living room because the walls were being painted. I've seen a woman afraid to enter her home, even though the project was finished with it for quite a while, because she wasn't ready to readjust to a different life again. I've seen children living in FEMA trailers with one or two toys and the biggest smiles on their faces because at least they have those. I've seen real people, like you or me, with real emotions and real stories, in the midst of the most pain imaginable, in the midst of chaos, succeeding and striving to get things back to "normal." This is the spirit of the region and it's contagious.

Resources for Life After AmeriCorps*NCCC

Next Steps: Life After AmeriCorps

By Nedra Klee Hartzell

This is a workbook for AmeriCorps members completing their service and needing help in the transition. This book helps with long and short term plans. It includes tools to assess skills and accomplishments and resources and strategies for transition. Copies are available in downloadable PDF format or to order by mail through

www.nationalserviceresources.org.

Peace Corps

Serve in one of 73 countries worldwide that host Peace Corps volunteers in areas ranging from education to healthcare to construction. Terms are 27 months long, which include an intensive three month training session which occurs in the host country, a living stipend and health benefits. The Peace Corps offers loan deferment and about \$6000 to aid in transitioning back home.

For more information and application material, please check out

www.peacecorps.org.

Student Conservation Association

Offers internships, jobs and crew positions in the conservation field to college age volunteers. Work ranges from the areas of archaeology to zoology and the SCA offers positions in all 50 states and three countries worldwide. Sites include many national parks with hundreds of positions that vary in length and scope.

For a searchable database of internships, more information about the SCA and applications, visit

www.thesca.org.

21st Century Guide to AmeriCorps and Related Federal Volunteer Programs

National Service Programs Serving American Communities in Education, Health, Public Safety and the Environment.

Benefits, Programs, Money for College, Member Stories, Questions and Answers Resources, Manuals and Handbooks.

A helpful guide to pretty much all you need to know about serving in AmeriCorps and life after that. Check it out at your local library, buy it used on Amazon.com or head to your local bookstore. Published by the U.S. Government's Core Federal Information Series.

nationalserviceresources.org

Resource center provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service that offers tools and trainings for volunteer and service programs, such as AmeriCorps.

Includes online resources and print publications that will guide Corps Members through their year of service as they consider post-year options. Also offers tips and tools for finding jobs after AmeriCorps. The webpage hosts a conference and training calendar, as well as service related links.

Colleges that Match the Ed Award:

This is a partial list of schools that will match the Education Award, providing additional financial aid to AmeriCorps*NCCC members who seek to further their education. Contact the individual school for more information regarding scholarship and aid programs.

University of Delaware
Southeastern University of Washington D.C.
Frostburg State University of Maryland
Clark University of Mass.
University of Mass—Boston
Washington University in St. Louis, MS
Warren Wilson College of North Carolina
Columbia University of New York
Rhode Island College
Rhode Island School of Design
University of Rhode Island
School for International Training
University of Vermont
Bastyr University of Washington
Central Washington University
Evergreen State College of Washington
Marquette University of Wisconsin
FOR MORE SCHOOLS visit
www.lifetimeofservice.org

School of International Training

The mission for the School for International Training is to prepare its students to be interculturally effective leaders and professionals. In so doing, SIT cultivates a worldwide network of people and organizations that are committed to active citizenship.

SIT offers masters programs in teaching, intercultural service, leadership and management, sustainable development, social justice and intercultural relations and a few more. The school is partnered with the Peace Corps and you can find more information at:

www.sit.edu

World Learning

A private, non-profit international organization comprised of four operating program units, World Learning promotes international and intercultural understanding, social justice and economic development through education, training and field projects in over 100 countries on five continents. Includes study abroad programs, experimental living programs, world learning for business and international development.

www.worldlearning.org

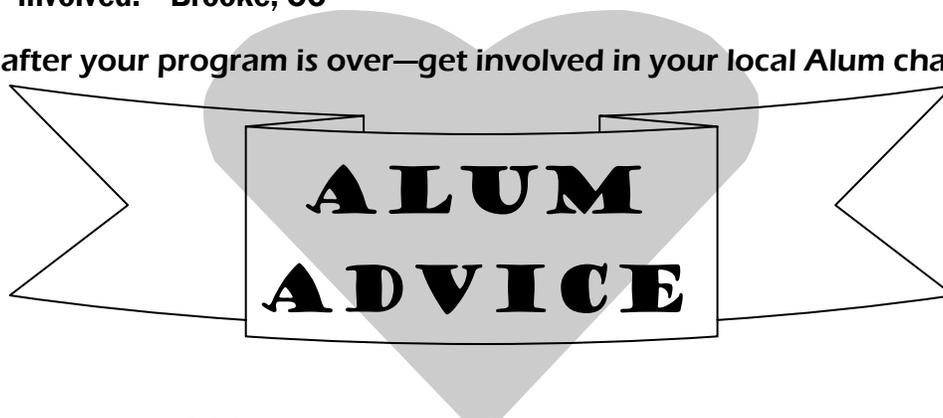
“When you graduate, find AmeriCorps members working in your area, reach out to them, do what you would have liked done for you.” -Emily, OR

“Work the connections you have made, do what you love.” -Sarah, CA

“Stay involved in your Alumni Chapter. Continuing your service can be easy if powerful people stay together and involved.” -Brooke, CO

“Get all your prescription drugs before the year is over” -Lindsay, TX

“Stay involved after your program is over—get involved in your local Alum chapter.” -Mark, PA



“The best part about NCCC is that you don’t get a break. You live and work NCCC all day, all night, all year, and it will be the best ten months of your life.” -Tray, CA

“When you look for a job, do not stray too far from service. There are lots of opportunities to do work with meaningful purpose.”

-Christy, MI

“Enjoy every day during your term of service. The people you are surrounded with right now are the best people you will meet in your life.” -Mark, GA

“Join AmeriCorps Alums, it is a great way to stay connected with this time in your life. It is also a great way to continue professional and personal development.” - Laura, CO

“Utilize your experience to continue your commitment to service. Use it as a platform to reach greater heights of civic engagement. Connect with other alumni online and through your local chapter—AmeriCorps is a small world.” -Greg, GA

“TAKE TIME TO REFLECT, PAUSE FOR A MOMENT AND APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. TAKE PHOTOS AND JOURNAL, YOU WON’T REGRET IT.” -CAROLYN, WA

“NCCC is a part of something a lot bigger. There are thousands of AmeriCorps Alums, seek them out and stay connected. Be the ambassador, get people engaged, hold on to the memories.”

Brenden, OR

“Look at what agencies you had a lot of fun with and stick with them. Find an organization you are passionate about, stick with them and grow.”

-Donny, D.C.

“Consider another year! Try different programs!” -Alexis, CO

“Do another year. Be a ski bum. Don’t work in the office, stay young!” -Jordan, CO

Gulf Project Locations:

LOUISIANA

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	University Presbyterian Church	Baton Rouge	Central	Earth 7	Stephanie Mojonnier
Boys & Girls Club of Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	University Presbyterian Church	Baton Rouge	Northeast	Fire 1	Sean Kuether
Emergency Communities	Buras	Buras YMCA	Buras	Western	Red 4	Floyd Gummingsall
St. Bernard Parish Project	Chalmette	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Central	Water 6	Christy Crawford
Fontainebleau State Park	Covington	Fontainebleau State Park	St. Tammany	Western	Red 1	Brianne Connelly
St Tammany Schools	Covington	Fontainebleau State Park	St. Tammany	Western	Blue 7	Adam Wainwright
St Tammany Schools	Lacombe	U.S. Wildlife & Fisheries	St. Tammany	Northeast	Wolf 2	Amber Gibson
United Way of Acadiana	Lafayette	University of LA at Lafayette - Solar House	St. Martin	Western	Gold 1	Kelly Snape
Cameron Parish Council on Aging	Lake Charles	SWLA Volunteer Coordination	Lake Charles	Central	Sun 4	Chris Cohen
Habitat for Humanity of Calcasieu Area	Lake Charles	First Christian Church	Calcasieu	Central	Sun 2	Katie Chamness
United Way Alternative Spring Break	Lake Charles	Moss Bluff Volunteer Housing	Calcasieu	Western	Green 6	Pete Mueller
United Way of Acadiana, Alternative Spring Break	Lake Charles	Moss Bluff Volunteer Housing	Calcasieu	Western	Green 1	Shira Hirschberg
United Way SW LA Volunteer Housing Center (aka Partners in Prayer and Service [PIPS])	Lake Charles	SWLA Volunteer Coordination	Calcasieu	Central	Water 2	Cassandra Lawrence
United Way SW LA Volunteer Housing Center (aka Partners in Prayer and Service [PIPS])	Lake Charles	SWLA Volunteer Coordination	Calcasieu	Western	Gold 2	Dan Smafield
American Red Cross - Southeast Louisiana Team #1	Metairie	St. Bernard Gov. trailers	Jefferson	Central	Water 5	Peter Mills
American Red Cross - Southeast Louisiana Team #2	Metairie	St. Bernard Gov. trailers	Jefferson	Central	Water 1	Megan Newhouse
American Red Cross - Southeast Louisiana Chapter	New Orleans	Volunteers of America	New Orleans	Western	Gold 5	Allison (Alli) Powers
American Red Cross SE LA Chapter	New Orleans	Volunteers of America	New Orleans	Northeast	Eagle 6	Eric Crawford
Hands on New Orleans	New Orleans	First Street United Methodist Church	New Orleans	Central	Earth 1	Nathan Blumenfeld
Jean Lafitte Natl' Historical Park & Preserve	New Orleans	Camp Hope	New Orleans	Northeast	Wolf 5	Mike Noh
New Orleans Habitat for Humanity	New Orleans	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Central	Fire 1	Cadi Poile
New Orleans HFH	New Orleans	Camp Hope	New Orleans	Northeast	Fire 3	Kirk Thrasher
Recovery School District	New Orleans	Camp Hope	New Orleans	Northeast	Eagle 1	Jory Lehman
Salvation Army of Louisiana	New Orleans	Center of Hope	New Orleans	Central	Sun 3	Jennifer Coffin
The Green Project	New Orleans	Bywater Church of Christ	New Orleans	Central	Fire 5	Joel Teer
Tulane University	New Orleans	Salvation Army	Orleans	Western	Green 4	Alison Hoey
Xavier University	New Orleans	House of Studies	Orleans	Western	Gold 4	Olivia Roberts
Xavier University	New Orleans	House of Studies	Orleans	Western	Green 6	Pete Mueller
East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity	Slidell	East St. Tammany	St. Tammany	Central	Sun 1	Bill Carpulk
East St. Tammany HFH	Slidell	Fontainebleau State Park	St. Tammany	Western	Gold 3	Nique (Nick) Hall
Operation Blessing	Slidell	Operation Blessing	Slidell	Central	Sun 6	Leanne Paulsen
Operation Blessing	Slidell	Operation Blessing	Slidell	Western	Green 7	Katie Lemperle
Habitat for Humanity - Bayou Area Habitat	Thibodaux	Bayou Area Habitat for Humanity	Lafourche	Central	Earth 5	Sara Wrye
St. Bernard Parish - Kitchen	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Central	Earth 2	Nicole Iarrobino
St. Bernard Parish - Kitchen	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Northeast	Wolf 1	Shawna Vreeke
St. Bernard Parish - Logistics	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Central	Earth 4	Timothy Verni-Lau
St. Bernard Parish - Logistics	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Northeast	Eagle 4	Heath Dyson
St. Bernard Parish - Logistics	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Western	Green 2	Alexandra (Alex) Busack
St. Bernard Project	Violet	Camp Hope	St. Bernard	Western	Gold 4	Olivia Roberts

Gulf Project Locations:

MISSISSIPPI

Hancock Habitat for Humanity	Bay St. Louis	Camp Sunshine	Hancock	Central	Fire 2	Casey Tierney
Lagniappe Presbyterian Church	Bay St. Louis	Lagniappe Church	Hancock	Northeast	Wolf 4	Sarah Lamb
Hancock Habitat For Humanity	Bay St. Louis	Camp Sunshine	Hancock	Northeast	Fire 2	Bryan Van Rees
Hands on Gulf Coast	Biloxi	Beauvoir United Methodist Church	Harrison	Central	Fire 7	Jeremy Oestmann
Hands On Gulf Coast	Biloxi	Beauvoir Methodist Church	Harrison	Northeast	Eagle 3	Michelle Wear
Hands On Gulf Coast	Biloxi	Beauvoir Methodist Church	Harrison	Western	Gold 6	Maureen Collins
Harrison County Habitat for Humanity	Biloxi	Yankee Stadium	Harrison	Central	Earth 3	Bridget Pitcock
Harrison County HFH	Biloxi	Yankee Stadium	Harrison	Western	Blue 4	Annie Harmel
Northern VA HFH	Biloxi	Yankee Stadium	Harrison	Northeast	Wolf 3	Lisa Timmerman
ULM Relief	Biloxi	ULM Camp	Harrison	Western	Blue 2	Flannery Carlos (female)
Operation TLC/Mississippi Home Again	Gautier and Pascagoula	Pascagoula Recreation Center	Jackson	Central	Fire 3	Ryan Doyle
Operation TLC/Mississippi Home Again	Gautier and Pascagoula	Pascagoula Recreation Center	Jackson	Central	Earth 6	Kyle Delahanty
Catholic Office of Long Term Recovery	Gulfport	Dedeaux Retreat House	Harrison	Central	Fire 6	Amy Madison
Harrison County Long Term Recovery	Gulfport	Christ United Methodist Church	Harrison	Central	Fire 4	Chris Lezama
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Gulfport	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Harrison	Northeast	Fire 5	Kim Lesnau
Metro Jackson HFH	Jackson	910 Bratton Street	Hinds	Northeast	Eagle 7	Cynthia Reed
Camp Coastal	Kiln	16256 Highway 603	Hancock	Northeast	Fire 4	Jimmy Kelly
Camp Coastal Outpost	Kiln	Camp Coastal Outpost	Hancock	Central	Sun 5	Alyson Johnson
Hancock County LTRC	Kiln	5380 Kiln-Delisle Rd.	Hancock	Northeast	Wolf 6	Joe Gourlay
Long Beach Presbyterian	Long Beach			Western	Green 1	Shira Hirschberg
Christus Victor Lutheran Church	Ocean Springs	1515 Government Street	Jackson	Northeast	Eagle 5	Judd Walker
First Presbyterian	Pascagoula		Jackson	Western	Green 3	Andrew Romaner
Persevere Disaster Relief	Pass Christian	The Village		Western	Blue 5	Erin Knudtson
Pearlington Recovery Center	Pearlington	Camp Sunshine	Hancock	Northeast	Fire 2	Bryan Van Rees
City of Waveland	Waveland	Camp Sunshine	Hancock	Western	Red 2	Phil Delavan

ALABAMA

Mobile Habitat for Humanity	Mobile	Camp Christian Retreat	Mobile	Central	Sun 7	Robyn Trivette
Mobile Habitat for Humanity	Mobile	Camp Christian Retreat	Mobile	Northeast	Eagle 2	Megan Freeman
Alabama State Commission	Enterprise	Vineyars Christian Retreat	Enterprise	Central	Gold 5	Jennifer Klaari

TEXAS

Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Beaumont	Beaumont	Salvation Army Shelter	Beaumont	Central	Water 3	Adonye Benson-Jaja
Beaumont Habitat for Humanity - Team #1	Port Arthur	Port Arthur YMCA	Jefferson	Central	Water 4	Stacy Ludwig
Beaumont Habitat for Humanity - Team #2	Port Arthur	Port Arthur YMCA	Jefferson	Central	Water 7	Katie Beckmann

FLORIDA

INTACT	Fort Pierce	Hospitality House	Broward	9	Northeast	Fire 6	Laura Hoffman
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Remember to communicate with **Lauren Hazewski, the Western Region CRS**, on all of your CAP ideas and events. She is coordinating all Gulf area recruitment through mid-April.

Contact her at lhazewski@cns.gov or 916-640-0306.

PHOTOJOURNALISTS

Do you have a really great shot? Do you want to see your team In The Heat? Send your photos to

theheat.glt@gmail.com

We are looking for a variety of photos, from work to ISP to just hanging around with the team. Submissions should be sent in by Friday at 3pm for printing the following week.

Contact Jenna Rosengren for more information at (843) 513-4081.

ATTENTION MEDIA REPS!

Do you have a great idea for a story related to your project? Is there a major newsworthy event or benchmark coming up? Has your team received media coverage?

Remember to communicate with **Heather Dirck, the Central Region CRS**, on all of your media outreach ideas and coverage. She is coordinating all Gulf area media through mid-April.

Contact her at hdirck@cns.gov or 303-884-7420.

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If you are a current Corps Member, one of your recommendations must be from your Team Leader

Mail application to:

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