



AMERICORPS POSITION DESCRIPTION SERVE ALASKA YOUTH CORPS MEMBER

June 1 – August 11, 2011

SAGA's Mission: SAGA provides service learning to enhance lives, lands, and communities in Alaska. We are dedicated to helping young people make the connection between what they learn and how they live.

SAGA is a state-wide Service Corps dedicated to fulfilling our mission by providing high-quality services throughout Alaska.

Program Summary: Serve Alaska Youth Corps (SAYC) is the youth division of the Alaska Service Corps, and is specifically designed to provide leadership and work readiness skills to young Alaskans who have barriers to their education or employment. These skills and educational activities are gained through service given to the people of Alaska.

Position Summary:

SAYC members travel to various project sites throughout Alaska while living, learning and working in a team community. SAYC crews include one Team Leader, one Field Educator, and up to 6 Crew Members (ages 17-24). Following a week-long orientation, members receive their crew and project assignments, then deploy. **During the service term SAYC crews serve on projects during the day, engage in education/skill building activities nightly, and recreate as a team on weekends.**

Serve Alaska Youth Corps Members are young adults who are:

- Looking for a summer service experience
- Seeking to improve their work skills and experience
- Facing struggles in school
- Willing to take the steps to reconnect with a positive lifestyle
- Ready to form fun new friendships with others from across the state
- Willing to participate and follow SAGA's policies and procedures

Project Summary: Serve Alaska Youth Corps projects are located throughout Alaska. All projects are located outdoors and are completed in all weather conditions. Trail work, invasive plant species removal, and road safety improvements are common. Trail projects may include water diversion, bridge building, and trail-tread improvements, while road safety projects include tree-clearing, brush removal and clearing behind highway guardrails. Projects such as stream restoration, invasive plant species removal, and cabin maintenance are also common.

Project Sponsors: We serve the Alaska Dept of Transportation, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, AK State Parks, local municipalities, trail associations, and Alaska Native groups.

Project Locations: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak Island, Valdez, Yakutat, Juneau and Prince of Wales Island are representative of project locations. Our crews are often more than 1000 miles apart. Most projects are "front country"; crews will live in established campgrounds, possibly within a community, and have access to services. "Back country" projects are possible, where access to services will be limited or not present.

Education Summary: The Serve Alaska Youth Corps education program connects what you learn with how you live. During the service day, crews travel to some of Alaska's most beautiful areas. In the field camp at night, you will connect with your team to learn about these areas, as well as effective communication skills, group living skills, introduction to the world of work including job searches and resume building.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in outdoor service projects throughout Alaska
- Perform hard physical labor that can include cutting, lifting, and hauling trees or brush
- Use hand tools on a daily basis
- If over 18, run power tools
- Live with a crew in a field camp and participate in daily camp responsibilities

- Participate in regular nightly and weekend community service and educational activities
- Collaborate with your team to implement a Community Action Project in a community you serve
- Follow wilderness safety rules and Leave No Trace principles
- Support and abide by SAGA's 4 Non-Negotiable rules: No possession of alcohol or drugs, No sexual conduct, No stealing & No threatening behavior or physical violence.
- Demonstrate professionalism while representing SAGA
- Other duties as assigned.

Position Requirements:

- Must be 17 to 24 years of age
- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien
- No drug or alcohol convictions in the last three years
- Must be willing, able to, and comfortable working and living in the outdoors - including living in wilderness areas or campgrounds, sleeping in tents, cooking meals, and participating in other camp responsibilities
- Contribute positively, communicate respectfully as a member of a team, and get along with a variety of different personalities and backgrounds
- Must be able to perform physically demanding service
- Must be committed to completing a full term of service
- Support program goals
- A love for the outdoors
- Must be able to pass criminal history and National Sex Offender checks.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience camping or outdoor living helpful
- Related work experience helpful.

Benefits:

- Approximately \$1,000 monthly living allowance with an approximate \$150/month deduction for living expenses;
- AmeriCorps Educational Award of \$1,415 granted upon successful completion of term of service.
- Partial reimbursement of the cost of First Aid/CPR training upon completion of term of National Service
- SAGA's paid Crew Member Training Modules including: Power-tool Operation and Maintenance, Alaska Trail Construction and Maintenance, Leadership and more.
- Housing and Transportation are provided while in the field
- A wholesome, healthy summer of hard work, learning, and fun.

Transportation:

Travel to & from Program: Each Crew Member is responsible for the cost of travel to SAGA's orientation site (Juneau or Anchorage). You can make reservations with Alaska Airlines, the Alaska Marine Highway System (ferry), or choose to drive a personal vehicles via the Alaska-Canadian Highway (*note: personal vehicles are to remain parked at SAGA headquarters during the project season*).

Travel within Program: SAGA provides 15 passenger vans and ferry travel for project-related travel.

Application Deadline: April 29, 2011

Service Dates: June 1 - August 11, 2011

Interviews: Ongoing Until Positions Filled

Term of National Service: 450 hours & 11 weeks

How to Apply:

Print an application from our website

1. Go to www.servealaska.org
2. Click on Openings
3. Scroll down. Under "To Apply", click on the Serve Alaska Youth Corps Crew Member application

Submit your application by email, fax, or mail:

Email to recruiter@servealaska.org

Fax to (907) 789-3118 attn: Recruiter

Or mail to: SAGA Recruitment, PO Box 33037, Juneau AK 99803

Please call or email with additional questions:
SAGA Recruiter at (907) 790-6412 or recruiter@servealaska.org