

**MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS AMERICORPS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR –
1700 hours**

Term: February 7, 2012 thru December 15, 2012

Waban Projects, Inc. – Sanford, ME

Waban Projects, Inc. is a non-profit corporation founded in 1966, and was organized to develop and operate programs which promote the general welfare and education of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Waban's work is based on the guiding principles of respect for the individual, normalization, integration and self-empowerment. Waban offers a comprehensive array of programs and services for children and adults with disabilities and provides support to over 1,900 individuals each year. The Children's Programs serve over 370 children/year and includes a special purpose pre-school, an early intervention program and community case management. Adult Programs serve over 270 adults/year and provide 24-7 residential services, day habilitation, supported employment and community case management. Camp Waban's Therapeutic Recreation and Experiential Education (TREE) program serves over 1,250 people/year. TREE is part of a three phase plan to develop into a four-season center. The Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Environmental Educator will work in the TREE program. TREE is located on the waterfront of Bauneg Beg Lake and offers trails, environmental education programs, leadership development, adventure based activities and special functions. People of all abilities, ages and populations (disabled, special needs, elderly, schools, community and business groups) come to recreate, educate, team build and enjoy special occasions. The TREE programs offer the opportunity to swim, boat, kayak, fish, ice skate, ice fish, snowshoe, hike, discover and enjoy all that nature provides. Specifically, TREE's environmental education sessions allow groups to explore, investigate, problem solve, and encourage good stewardship within their natural environment. The Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Environmental Educator will have the reward of helping enhance existing programs, create, develop and implement new components and recruit a volunteer base that allows TREE to grow into a destination and resource for all.

Typical Tasks under the supervision of the TREE Director include:

- Develop and expand the environmental education curriculum for Waban's TREE program consisting of water shed, water quality, weather monitoring, flora/fauna identification and ecosystem awareness
- Teach, compile, track, record, sample, analyze, and report on all environmental education sessions
- Maintain, build and map trails as well as develop trail guides
- Organize, recruit and lead TREE volunteer efforts
- Participate and/or manage Summer Camp activities
- Introduce individuals to waterfront activities promoting watershed education and the lakes multiple values including recreation
- Develop and improve partnerships with local organizations and community groups
- Receive training on the TREE program and utilize resources to support program initiatives
- Work with individuals of all ages and abilities including developmentally disabled and special needs populations

Essential Functions for ALL Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps Environmental Educators:

- Must have a 4-year college degree (environmental) or equivalent experience
- Interest in performing community service
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information for its relevance and impact and meet deadlines
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to perform tasks independently as well as part of a cooperative team
- Non-judgmental attitude and sensitivity to others
- Computer skills including Internet and Microsoft Office package
- Personal transportation for travel within the state of Maine

Desired Functions specific to this position:

- Comfortable working and engaging with individuals of all ages including developmentally disabled and special needs populations
- Working outdoors in all weather conditions, requiring good physical condition
- Previous field work in the environment, conservation, adventure based arena as well as experience in education/teaching
- Experience using hand and power tools and practicing proper safety techniques
- Personable, self-motivated, organized and excellent work ethic
- Ability to operate watercraft and be an excellent swimmer

Additional qualifications include U.S. citizenship, or U.S. national, or a lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S., a valid Driver's license from place of residence with a good driving record and a commitment to environmental issues and community service.

This 1700 hour (full time) Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps position receives a living allowance of \$11,800 (\$262.22/week for 45 weeks) and if eligible, an AmeriCorps education award of \$5350 upon successful completion of the program.

Other Maine Conservation Corps AmeriCorps benefits include health insurance with COBRA benefits at the completion of service, childcare reimbursement if eligible, Student loan forbearance & interest payment if eligible, experiential learning, a wide range of training and networking opportunities and a Maine State Park Pass.

How to Apply:

This position is a unique opportunity and does not follow Waban's standard application process. The Maine Conservation Corps application is available to download from their website (log on to www.maine.gov/doc/parks/mcc/ and download MCC's application). Send completed applications and reference forms to mboudreau@waban.org and also send copies to jo.a.orlando@maine.gov. Please contact Maureen Boudreau at 207-324-7955 ext. 642 should you have any questions.