



Position Description

Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership

Position Title: *Stewardship Coordinator*
Host Site: *South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)*
Site Supervisor: *Betsy Harbert, River Science Project Manager*
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Service Commitment: SNAP AmeriCorps members are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, SNAP and AmeriCorps. Members make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve a nonprofit organization or public agency in the Sierra Nevada. The SNAP Term of Service is from mid-October 2017 – mid-September 2018 (exact dates TBD).

Position Location:

SYRCL's office is in Nevada City, CA – a lovely town and community in the Sierra foothills. Historic Nevada City is regarded as a cultural, artistic and environmental hub within the Sierra Nevada Range. Once the epicenter of the California Gold Rush, Nevada City—in proximity to the South Yuba River -- is undergoing a multi-decade renaissance as a model community pursuing ecological and economic sustainability through innovative green enterprises, neo-agrarian renewal and watershed restoration. All of our work is conducted in the beautiful and inspiring Yuba Watershed.

Organization Description:

SYRCL is the leading voice for the protection and restoration of the Yuba River and greater Yuba Watershed. Founded in 1983 through a rural, grassroots campaign to defend the South Yuba River from proposed hydropower dams, SYRCL has developed into a vibrant community organization with over 3,500 members and volunteers based in Nevada City.

Since achieving Wild and Scenic status for the South Yuba River in 1999, SYRCL has developed a variety of successful programs for inspiring environmental activism and supporting responsible watershed stewardship. These range from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival to a River Science Program with a large citizen component and strong standing in collaborative forums.

SYRCL is the leading regional supporter for creating resilient human and natural communities throughout the greater Yuba River basin by restoring creeks and rivers, restoring wild salmon populations, and inspiring and organizing people – from the Yuba's source to the sea.

Program Description:

In 2015, SYRCL completed its second 3-year strategic action plan that guides the organization in all of the activities and program outcomes including the ones the Stewardship Coordinator will be involved in. The Stewardship Coordinator will work at the intersection of multiple SYRCL programs: River Science, River People, Education and Restoration. SYRCL's Restoration Program has recently developed from a long standing River Science Program that has assessed conditions and the watershed and built a scientific foundation for certain restoration activities. SYRCL also involves a large group of volunteer River Monitors and other volunteers ready to promote stewardship with excellent training and guidance. In September, SYRCL coordinates the Yuba River

Cleanup and Restoration Day within the Yuba Watershed. This program involves volunteers removing trash at over 30 sites along 80+ miles of shoreline, and additionally includes several small scale restoration projects.

In 2012, SYRCL launched the River Ambassadors Program, a volunteer-based initiative to educate and motivate the thousands of annual visitors to the Yuba River within the South Yuba River State Park to help keep the park clean and safe. The program was created in response to the reduced services provided by the state park staff. By talking face-to-face to visitors at river crossings, at beaches and on trails, SYRCL's corps of volunteer River Ambassadors vastly expand outreach about the Yuba and how visitors can care for it.

SYRCL also leads several educational excursions to areas of important SYRCL work including high alpine meadows, state park lands, and restoration sites. Additionally, SYRCL provides outreach at many of their own events and also other community events.

Position Description:

The Stewardship Coordinator will provide a central role in recruiting and coordinating volunteers from the community to serve in a variety of programs, and will also act as a point person for SYRCL conducting education and outreach for our projects. The Stewardship Coordinator is responsible for the oversight, management and production of a successful River Ambassador Program involving approximately 40 volunteers over the summer. The Stewardship Coordinator is solely responsible for the organization of the River Ambassador program including: hiring, training, and supervising three part-time River Captain employees and the River Ambassador volunteers. The Stewardship Coordinator will be responsible for outreach and volunteer coordination at SYRCL community events, including our annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival and Yuba River Cleanup. The Stewardship Coordinator will develop outreach and training materials; coordinate volunteer trainings; write e-news articles; provide support at all River People events; present to schools and community groups; and participate in grant writing and resource procurement for projects in his/her service plan such as the River Ambassador Program and Yuba River Cleanup.

Required Qualifications:

A successful Stewardship Coordinator should have the following qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in natural resources, communications, biological or environmental sciences and/or equivalent experience*
- Passion to engage, coordinate, and educate volunteers on environmental topics and hands-on stewardship techniques through both written and oral communication*
- Expertise in creating presentations to communicate SYRCL's work to the public*
- Experience and comfort presenting to groups, i.e. strong public speaking skills*
- Excellent "people skills" and a commitment to positive interactions with diverse community members*
- Expertise in supervising and coordinating volunteers*
- Excellent organizational skills and attention to detail*
- Ability to work independently, solve problems, and exercise good judgment*
- Good leadership and team skills*
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize*
- Available to work weekends and evenings*
- Valid driver's license*
- Personal transportation for work assignments; travel reimbursement provided*

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous community engagement, outreach and tabling experience*
- Graphic design experience: Photoshop and InDesign a plus*
- PR-marketing experience including: radio, press, social media, Craigslist, WordPress, Mailchimp*

- *Experience producing press releases, e-news articles, blog posts, etc.*

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