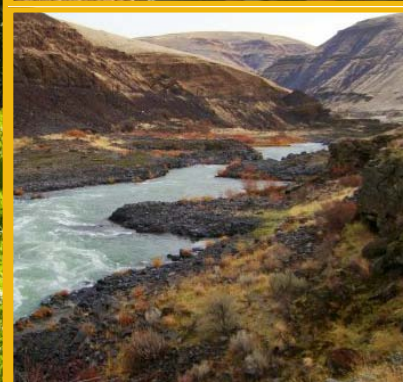


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bring you:*

Northwest International Volunteer Program

Northwest International Volunteer Program (NIVP) Overview



Why join a field conservation team in the Pacific Northwest?

There is something for everyone in the Pacific Northwest. Whether you go “ooo” when you see our ancient Growth in our western rainforests or feel sincere satisfaction at the scent of desert sage - the Pacific Northwest has it all.

Two Distinct Regions

The Cascade Mountain Range divides the Northwest into two distinct regions. West of the mountains the climate can be wet and mild or sunny and warm depending on the time of year. East of the mountains the weather is drier and sunnier.

Water, Water, Everywhere

Water is part of life in the Northwest, providing abundant opportunities to enjoy recreation and scenery. The entire region is dotted with lakes and rivers. To the west you'll find the Pacific Ocean and miles and miles of pristine dramatic coastline.

Dry Desert Conditions

The region that lies between the Cascades and Rocky Mountain Ranges is desert country. The terrain is rolling and covered with sagebrush, junipers, and volcanic rocks dotted with canyons and gorges. On a clear day you can see amazing views of our stunning Volcanic Mountain ranges that surround the area.

Unique Geologic Wonders

The landscape of the Northwestern United States includes active and dormant volcanoes, fossil beds, river gorges, sand dunes, and glaciers!

Why experience the Northwest through Northwest Youth Corps?

Learn New Skills: This is a great opportunity to give back while you learn from the land on the land. Trail restoration and maintenance, environmental education, and invasive species eradication are just a few examples of the conservation skills you will learn.

Become a Leader: This is a team-based experience where you learn by doing! Master the compassion, patience, organization and intensity needed to be an outdoor leader as you practice the skills desired to help conserve our lands. You will complete the program with sore muscles, new knowledge and a wealth of new employment and college opportunities.

Make New Friends: Surround yourself with like minded individuals from around the world! People who join Northwest Youth Corps have a sincere passion for the outdoors and teamwork. Once you finish the program you can join our Alumni Network and stay connected with your new friends!





Program Summary

Your Northwest adventure begins here! NIVP members will have the experience of a lifetime giving back to the wild and scenic Pacific Northwest while gaining immeasurable skills during your adventure. NIVP members are assembled into a conservation team of 10 other young adults from around the world. As a team you will travel for five guided weeks to different projects across the Northwest. The work is not for the faint of heart. NIVP members need to be in good physical condition, have the willingness to push themselves and get dirty! NIVP is a combination of volunteer work and exploration. Are you ready for the challenge and adventure of a lifetime?

Work Schedule:

No better way to learn than by doing. NIVP gives you valuable hands on experience with a variety of tools, land management practices, trail maintenance skills, and so much more! A typical work week for NIVP can vary. Throughout the program NIVP members work for four or eight days (7 – 8 hours a day) with three or six days off.

After a good day of hard work, your learning experience is not over. As a team, we will teach you valuable camp cooking skills, camp etiquette, Leave No Trace (LNT); as well as other fun yet useful outdoor and leadership skills. Also as a team you will get the chance to try out your new cooking and camping skills by preparing meals and maintaining camp each day.

Non Work Schedule:

Now is your time to explore! There is no better way to experience the Northwest than to immerse yourself in the thousands of miles of trails that tread across our scenic land. Days away from the worksite will consist of guided hiking and backpacking excursions to picturesque areas around the Pacific Northwest.

Towards the end of your experience you will have a weekend to explore a small town in the Northwest, hostel accommodations will be provided for 2 nights.

Accommodations

Your new home—the great outdoors! Your team will spend all but a few nights camping in tents; this includes days when you are not volunteering. Never camped before? No problem, we are here to teach you. For more information please check out our website.

Food

All food is provided by Northwest Youth Corps, except during the nights when you are staying at the hostel. Try out your new found camp cooking skills or bring a little of your own cultural flair. The team will take turns preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.





How to Apply?

To apply, it's simple, just go to the following website: www.expint.org/nyc.php. Download the instructions and email the requested materials to nyc@expint.org along with a detailed cover letter, CV/Resume and proof of student status. We'll then contact you with your options!

What to Pack?

Packing for NIVP can be tricky, whether this is your first time working outdoors or you grew up with an axe in one hand and a shovel in the other. Here is a packing list for your upcoming adventure: www.nwyouthcorps.org/pdfmaps/GearPackingList.pdf

Visa's

All international participants will enter the United States on a J-1 Intern Visa sponsored by Experience International a US State Department designated J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. To qualify for the program, and the J-1 Intern Visa, you must (1) be enrolled in a post secondary educational institution or begin your program within 12 months of graduation, and (2) have taken some coursework related to natural sciences, conservation, or the environment.

Schedules

Session 1: June 5th to July 9th
Session 2: July 17th to August 19th
Session 3: August 23rd to October 1st

Fees

International Volunteer Program costs \$1,500 (U.S.) to join. For more information or payment please go to Experience International: <http://www.expint.org>

Mission of Northwest Youth Corps

Founded in 1983, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) offers teenagers and young adults an education-based work experience modeled after the historic Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. Starting with only 52 teens in its first year, NYC has since influenced the lives of more than 14,800 youth and young adults from all over the world.

Mission of Experience International

Experience International (EI) is a non-profit educational organization based in Everson, Washington. Incorporated in 1988, the organization promotes leadership development and technical and cultural exchange in fields related to agriculture, forestry, fisheries and natural resource management and conservation.

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