

Now recruiting an AmeriCorps Summer VISTA member to serve with the Jr. GRUNT program!

Jr. GRUNT summer 2018

Greenspaces Restoration & Urban Naturalist Team

Environmental Science and Life Skills Program for 8th Grade Students

What is Jr. GRUNT?

Jr. GRUNT is an outdoor program which connects diverse youth to nature and environmental careers through stewardship, environmental science, job readiness training and outdoor recreation. Our summer program meets Monday- Friday from approximately 9am- 5pm. We accept 18 youth into the program, and have 3 instructors (1 coordinator, 1 teacher, 1 AmeriCorps). We spend every day outdoors.

Jr. GRUNT is a partner of the 9th Grade Counts Collaborative of All Hands Raised. This partnership strives to reach students in the gap between 8th and 9th grades, a time in which they are particularly vulnerable to dropping out of school.

Work Schedule

- June 18 - August 12
- Monday - Friday (approx 8:30 - 5pm each day)

Compensation

- Monthly stipend through AmeriCorps
- Education / Scholarship Award

AmeriCorps Responsibilities will include....

- Developing environmental science and leadership lessons
- Mentoring youth & creating a safe and inclusive community
- Evaluating the program
- Planning parent / family information nights & celebrations
- Co-leading outdoor adventure & fun!

Training may include:

- Local flora & fauna
- Outdoor education techniques
- Team building games & activities
- Cultural awareness
- PPR Parks & Natural areas
- Methods for mentoring teens
- Safety training



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"Without Jr. Grunt my summer would have been typically boring and unhealthy, just watching movies indoors, texting, and on facebook. But since I did the program I made such strong friendships, gained new experiences, and ate weird new foods like leaves."

How to Apply to be an AmeriCorps VISTA for Jr. GRUNT:

How do I apply?

- Submit your resume & cover letter to: kelly.rosteck@portlandoregon.gov
- View the Oregon Campus Compact website for updates on due dates, process and other opportunities www.oregoncampuscompact.org

Minimum Qualifications:

- 19 years or older
- Interest in nature, science and/or education
- Knowledge of NW flora and fauna (or desire to learn!)
- Desire to mentor (*and you truly enjoy the company of teens*)
- Ability to build a safe and supportive community for youth from all races, ethnicities, religions and genders as well as English Language Learners

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to speak another language
- Experience teaching and evaluating learning
- Experience working with teens from diverse backgrounds
- Outdoor skills (hiking, etc.)
- Knowledge of team building/ fun / community building / leadership games
- Driver's license and clean driving record

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