



## Conservation Corps FAQ's

### What to bring?

Upon being selected to serve in the Rocky Mountain Conservancy-Conservation Corps, you will be provided with a full packing list.

### What is provided?

The Conservancy provides work clothing (uniform shirt, uniform pants, work boots, hat, neck gaiter, water bottles, and hiking socks) for every member. Additionally, the Conservancy has camping gear available for members to use during the season. Camping gear available includes:

- Tents
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads
- Camp stoves
- Camp cookware
- Backpacks
- Water filters

This gear is loaned out free of charge, but any gear not returned may be subject to being deducted from paycheck.

### What is a day-to-day schedule like?

Crews typically work a 4-10 schedule. This is four consecutive 10-hour workdays. Work weeks do not necessarily correspond with a traditional work week. Depending on the project, crews may work any four consecutive days (i.e. Monday-Thursday, Wednesday-Sunday, Friday-Monday, etc.). Workdays typically begin between 6:00-7:30AM and wrap-up between 4:30-6:00PM.

Orientation, education, and final week have different schedules with less hours worked each day.

### Where do we work?

Rocky Mountain Conservancy-Conservation Corps programs operate on public lands managed by

- National Park Service
  - Rocky Mountain National Park
- US Forest Service
  - Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest
    - Boulder Ranger District
    - Canyon Lakes Ranger District
    - Sulphur Ranger District

[Check out this map to see where Rocky Mountain Conservancy Crews have worked in past seasons.](#)

### Will we encounter wildlife?

Wildlife encounters are frequent in the Conservation Corps. Members often see elk, deer, and many smaller animals. Crews may also encounter bears, coyotes, bobcats, and moose. These are less common interactions. The Conservancy provides crews with appropriate training and information on how to safely view wildlife and what to do if an encounter is too close.

**Is food provided? How do the crews coordinate meals?**

The Conservancy does not provide food for the crews. The weekly stipend is intended to support food purchasing. Crews typically coordinate meals together and often share food purchasing and preparation duties. This helps promote a more communal experience and cuts down on food costs.

**Will we have access to cell-phone service?**

Cell-phone service varies significantly based on crew location. The biggest thing to know is cell-phone service is spotty in the Colorado mountains. Even in developed mountain communities it is common to have limited cell-phone service. The Canyon Lakes Crews are the only crews who have to travel a distance to access cell-phone service or wi-fi. All other crew locations have service and wi-fi nearby their housing sites.

**What amenities are provided at the campground?**

The crews living at front-country campgrounds (all crews but Canyon Lakes) have access to restrooms (pit toilets), potable water, and trash onsite. Shower and laundry facilities are located nearby at work centers or other defined areas. These crews receive an additional \$100 during their first stipend payment to support additional expenses associated with camping (i.e. ice for keeping food cold, fees for laundromat use, etc).

**Who supervises the Conservation Corps?**

The Conservation Corps program is supervised and managed by the Director of Conservation. The Director is the supervisor of record for all members/leaders. Seasonal Field Coordinators help to oversee the program through field visits to crews during projects and facilitating training and orientation activities.

**How is the Conservation Corps supported during their work?**

The Conservation Corps crews work closely with USFS and NPS staff. All crews, except for the Canyon Lakes Crews, work with agency staff on a daily basis. All crews have access to agency radios for work and emergency communication. Additionally, all crews working receive satellite communication devices for emergency communication and daily check-ins.

**What is the AmeriCorps Education Award?**

As an AmeriCorps program, the Conservation Corps provides members and leaders with a [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#) upon successful completion of the service term. This award can be used toward college tuition, student loans, professional certifications, and many other educational/professional development expenses.

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