

Blue Team Crew Member

The Blue Team is a summer work program for 14 to 18-year old youth attending Sheridan High School or living near the City of Sheridan. You'll work along the South Platte River and Bear Creek, in city parks, open spaces and potentially National Parks. A Blue Team Crew Member works part-time during the summer, including one or more weeks camping.

The objectives of this project are 1) to improve the water quality in Bear Creek in Sheridan, Colorado through youth leadership and job skills training and 2) to introduce young people in Sheridan to various outdoor recreation, stewardship and conservation projects.

The project will engage youth from Sheridan in water quality sampling and analysis with mentorship from Metropolitan State University students. Young people will also have opportunities to bike, camp, and explore outdoor adventures!

Eligibility

- 14-18 year olds who attend Sheridan High School or live in close proximity to the City of Sheridan
- Students interested in water quality, conservation, community and environmental stewardship
- Young people interested in the scientific process
- Youth committed to teamwork, safety, follow-through, education, and hard work
- Students able to work outside for up to 8 hours often in adverse conditions, bicycle long distances, handle tools, and lift up to 25 lbs
- Minimum high school GPA of 2.5, high school diploma or GED

Summer Work Schedule

- June 12th to July 25th, 2017
- M, T, W, and Th (Week of July 3rd, work occurs W, Th, and Fri and possibly Saturday)
- 9 AM to 2 PM each day
- Meet in Community Room at Sheridan City Hall, 4101 S Federal Boulevard

Wage

- \$9.30/hour, up to 120 hours

Expectations

- Work on environmental projects **20 hours a week:**
 - One required Water Quality Basics Workshop on either:
 - Sat (6 hrs)/Sun (2 hrs) - May 13th and 14th
 - Sat (6 hrs)/Sun (2 hrs) - May 27th and 28th
 - Sat (6 hrs)/Sun (2 hrs) - June 10th and 11th
 - 75% - Water stewardship activities including water education, water quality testing, septic system investigation, training, and workshops.

Expectations

- 25% - Community work including gardening, park maintenance, trail work, neighborhood canvassing, community service projects, weed mitigation and habitat restoration.
- Work hard, take direction and complete projects as assigned.
- Demonstrate a professional attitude by being on time, taking responsibility for safety and verbalizing ideas and concerns to team leaders.
- Be a leader among peers by setting an example to other team members at all times; wear appropriate work clothes, and be prepared for all weather conditions (suncscreen, hat, rain gear). (Groundwork Denver can provide items if needed.)
- Participate in training, such as classroom learning on nutrition, or educational field trips exploring ways in which water resources and urban ecosystems interact and contribute to biodiversity, human health and the economy.
- Serve as ambassadors to the community by conducting outreach and making presentations to communicate the importance of the environment to peers, residents, elected officials and community groups.

Work Policies

Paid and non-paid days: Any time you work or travel to a work site you will be paid. Recreation in the afternoons or the second day of recreation on a weekend job will not be paid.

Technology: The use of technology, including cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, and other battery powered devices is not allowed during projects, bicycle travel and group meetings.

Substance Free: In accordance with Groundwork Denver's drug-free workplace policy, alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited while participating in all work related activities.

To Apply

Email cover letter and resume with subject line "Blue Team Applicant" to Andrea Savage
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If you have questions, please call or text **Andrea Savage, Blue Team Supervisor**
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