



Hiring: Green Team Transportation Coordinator Groundwork Denver Green Team

Overview

The Groundwork Denver Green Team is a summer youth employment program for youth ages 14 to 18-year old youth in the Denver Metropolitan Area. Eight to twelve youth are on a team and work on projects in their neighborhoods, in urban farms, city parks, waterways, public lands (e.g. wildlife refuges and national parks). Each Green Team has a Supervisor who supervises the teams and helps organize and coordinate work projects.

The purpose of this work is to grow future environmental and community leaders, improve the physical environment, and connect young people to nature. Youth gain valuable hard and soft skills, learn about different careers in the environmental field, build friendships, and connect to their surrounding communities all through working on environmental and community improvement projects.

This summer, Groundwork Denver is running six Green Teams. Each team will consist of 8-12 youth, ages 13-18. The programs started in **mid-May and ends in mid-August**. Youth teams work 20 hours a week from M, T, W, Th, plus a few additional recreation weekends/days where youth will go camping and participate in outdoor recreation (i.e. rock climbing, mountain biking, river rafting, etc.) If more weekend work opportunities come up they are offered extra hours of work.

Responsibilities

The Green Team Transportation Coordinator position focuses on transporting youth teams to their work site when they need transportation assistance and assisting youth supervisors throughout the day when needed. Primarily the Transportation Coordinator will drive youth teams to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge (RMA), join them for the work day, and drive the teams back to their pickup location. 1-2 teams will be working at the RMA Monday-Thursday 8am-1pm. The Transportation Coordinator will pick-up and drop off teams from a central location (which will change depending on the team) then return the 15-passenger van to the Groundwork Denver Office each day. In addition to providing transportation they will be expected to join the team in working at the RMA doing habitat restoration work and driving them from one site to another if the work day requires it. Days will range from 7-9 hours depending on how long transportation takes for each team. They will also be responsible for coordinating with team supervisors beforehand to arrange a pick-up and drop-off location and time. There will also be opportunities for the Transportation Coordinator to join teams for camping trips and recreation days which will be communicated beforehand.

Benefits:

- Gain experience working alongside the youth crews and helping supervise youth.
- Gain career and education exposure in natural resource sectors primarily with the Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Improve natural areas, and educate others about the environment.
- Work outside and potentially participate in a variety of fun outdoor recreation activities.
- Connect with a network of organizations doing environmental and community stewardship work throughout the state
- Build professional skills such as management, coordination, and teamwork.

Requirements

- Must be 25 years old or older and have a current and valid Colorado Driver's License
- Capable of driving a 15-passenger van over long distances
- Access to phone and email to coordinate pick-up and drop-off of teams with team supervisors.
- Demonstrate professional attitude by being on time, taking responsibility for safety (e.g. ensuring people are buckled up when driving) and verbalizing ideas and concerns to team supervisors or Youth Program Director
- Comfort working with youth from diverse backgrounds
- Be a leader among peers by setting an example to other team members always
- Able to work alongside youth members during activities, including trail work, park/garden maintenance, weed mitigation and habitat restoration.
- Participate in daily safety circles and closing circles
- Keep in regular communication with Youth Program Director and Supervisors.
- Able to work outside for up to 8 hours often in hot conditions, handle tools, and lift up to 25 lbs
- Commitment to teamwork, safety, follow-through, education, and hard work

Preferred Qualifications

- Interest in conservation, community and environmental stewardship
- Culturally aware of self, others, and community
- Bilingual Spanish/English is desired but not required
- Willing and able to verbally articulate concepts to team
- Cell phone and email literacy
- Flexible schedule

Substance Free – In accordance to a drug free workplace, alcohol, tobacco and drugs are prohibited while participating and while on property or at any partner activities.

Dates to know:

Rocky Mountain Arsenal Work Days 6am-2pm (potentially 6-3 if pick-up/drop-off is far away):
July 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st, Aug 1st, 2nd,

To Apply:

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Salary: Hourly wage \$17. Part-time position

The mission of Groundwork Denver is to bring about the sustained improvement of the environment and promote health and well-being through community based partnerships and action.