



Forest Health Technician

Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps/AmeriCorps Crews are part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division resource protection team. If you are interested in ecological restoration and natural resources management this may be the opportunity for you!

POSITION: MCCC Forest Health/Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Crew: Muskegon State Park

PAY RATE: \$13/hour

AMERICORPS SERVICE AWARD: Optional Educational Service Awards up to \$6,345, are subject to availability upon hire

WORK SCHEDULE: Monday-Thursday, 10-hour days. Includes frequent overnight travel, some weekend work

DUTIES:

- Survey of forests in at-risk Michigan State Parks for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
- Apply pesticides and herbicides for control of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and other forest pests
- Ensure accurate and timely completion and submission of treatment, survey, GIS and other records
- Perform regular equipment cleaning and maintenance
- Work may include traversing difficult terrain in adverse weather conditions
- Overnight travel (paid) will be required. Overnight travel may be for periods of up to 4 days
- Applicants may have opportunity to participate in prescribed fire, conferences and other trainings

POSITION INFORMATION: This multi-person crew will assist in survey and detection of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) and treatment of HWA populations to protect the natural resources within state parks including but not limited to Silver Lake, Ludington, Muskegon, P.J. Hoffmaster, Saugatuck Dunes, Petoskey and Leelanau State Parks. Work includes paid travel to field sites. Each member of the crew will gain hands-on experience in ecological restoration techniques, forest health concepts and resource stewardship of coastal forest ecosystems. Crew members should understand and appreciate the non-financial rewards of helping to preserve Michigan's natural resources for this and future generations.

ABOUT MCCC/AMERICORPS: MCCC Crew members have the opportunity to join AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is domestic national service which provides educational awards upon completion of set time and performance requirements. Education service awards may be used for qualifying forms of higher education from vocational training to graduate school or may be used to repay existing qualified student loans. Other benefits include paid personal leave and paid administrative leave for career development and job searches. AmeriCorps service awards are subject to availability at the time of hire.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be between 18 and 27 years of age and meet all MCCC requirements to qualify
- Minimum of high school graduate or GED, resident of Michigan; natural resource degree preferred
- Willing to use herbicides and pesticides. Must be willing to obtain pesticide applicator certification in the required categories.
- Good physical condition to conduct long days of strenuous field work, often under adverse conditions in remote areas. Must be able to endure biting insects and work in all weather conditions
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team environment and with the public
- Be able to complete necessary forms and documentation accurately and in a timely manner
- Be safety conscious (obey all safety instructions and guidelines) and committed to restoration and general stewardship of the natural ecosystems within Michigan State Parks

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Submit resume and DNR job application. Positions typically start in the spring; positions may be open year-round.
- Applications may be accepted year-round for positions of various lengths, depending upon availability
- [Job application](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs) and more information are available at www.michigan.gov/dnrjobs (scroll down to seasonal positions)
- Resumes and applications can be mailed or emailed to the following:

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