

WisCorps

Conservation • Education • Community



WisCorps Overview - Mission

What is WisCorps:

- ▶ WisCorps is a non-profit conservation corps that provides a valuable service to Wisconsin's citizens and environment by engaging young adults in conservation projects on public and private lands across the state and Upper Midwest.



WisCorps Overview

- ▶ Founded in 2009 with one crew of 5 Corps Members and a single project.
- ▶ Employed and trained over 80 Corps Members in 2018.
- ▶ Completed hundreds of conservation related projects throughout Wisconsin, as well as Michigan and Indiana.
- ▶ Based upon Civilian Conservation Corps of 1930's.



Roving Conservation Crews

What is a crew?

- ▶ Supervision by 2 experienced Crew Leaders (over the age of 21)
- ▶ Crews have 4-5 Corps Members (ages 18-25 yrs.)
- ▶ Leaders and Corps Members are people who want to be outside and do physical labor.
 - ▶ college students
 - ▶ individuals interested in more meaningful work
 - ▶ people wanting job experience to promote a path to a profession



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- ▶ All Crew Leaders and Corps Members are compensated with a weekly stipend.
- ▶ WisCorps provides all meals and lodging during the work contract, with crews mainly camping together near the project site.
- ▶ Crews work Monday – Friday or 40 hours a week, they stay together on the weekends and partake in recreational opportunities.
- ▶ Full time staff and seasonal support staff assist each crew with project logistics and overall progress.



What is a WisCorps project?

- ▶ Trail construction & maintenance
- ▶ Invasive Species Management
- ▶ Commercial Herbicide Application
- ▶ Bridge & Boardwalk Construction
- ▶ Tree Planting
- ▶ Shoreline & Stream bank Stabilization
- ▶ Rain Garden Installation
- ▶ Habitat Restoration
- ▶ Dry Stone & Wood Step Construction
- ▶ Water Trails



Do you have a Project Proposal?

WHAT WISCORPS PROVIDES:

- ▶ Chainsaw and WI Herbicide Certified Crew Leaders
- ▶ All hand tools and power tools (trail, carpentry, land management)
- ▶ General project management
- ▶ All transportation costs (vehicle, gas, etc.)
- ▶ All insurance costs (liability and worker's compensation)

WHAT A PROJECT SPONSOR PROVIDES:

- ▶ All project materials (gravel, lumber, herbicide, plants, etc.)
- ▶ Any specialized equipment required for the project
- ▶ Additional technical support if needed
- ▶ Overall guidance of the project
- ▶ \$5000 to \$7000 per week to cover a portion of the total crew cost

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Wetland Restoration Crew



Trempealeau NWR Habitat restoration



Bethany Home- Waupaca, WI

Accessible trail/boardwalk

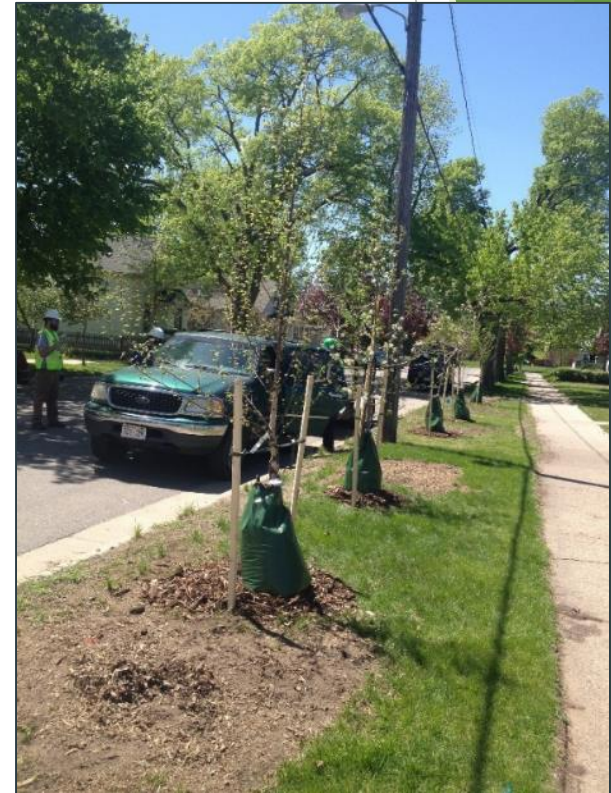


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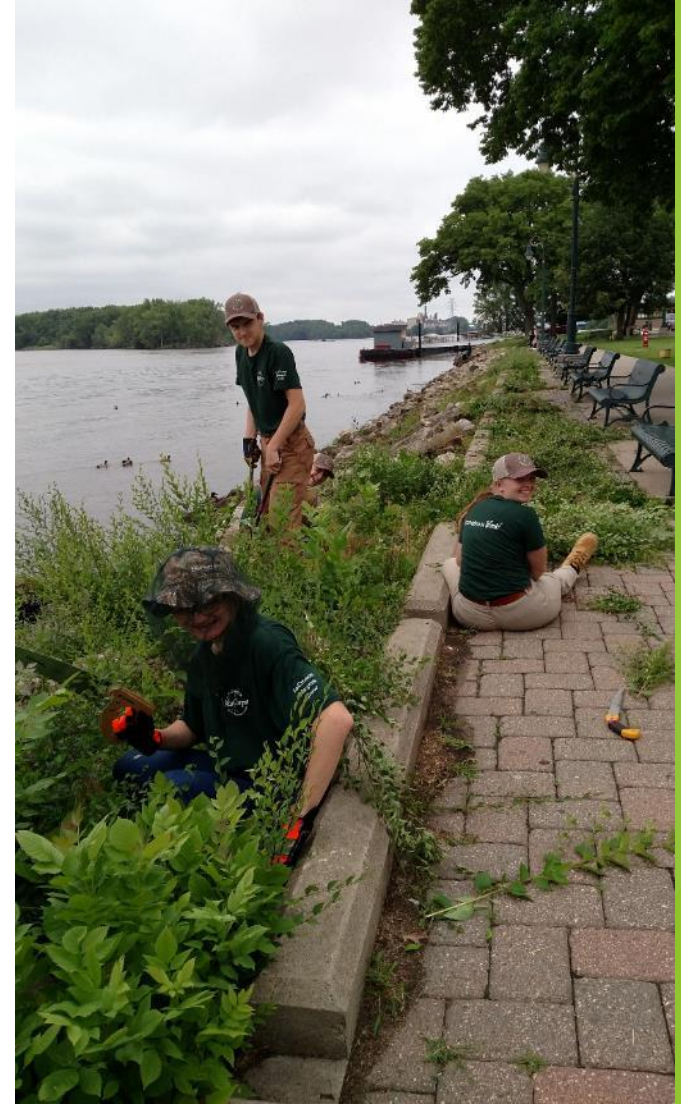


Urban Reforestation-

- City of La Crosse, Parks & Rec.
- Ozaukee County Parks



La Crosse Mayor's Crew- Community Building



Life skills, job skills and a future career



Crew life = Simple life





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