



Environmental Stewards Summer Program



Program Basics

The Summer Program was launched in 2007 and has since been run in partnership with the OSM/VISTA Teams and now with the Department of the Interior's Office of Youth Partnerships & Service. The Environmental Stewards Summer Program supplements the work of the OSM/VISTA Teams by placing Summer Program Members with watershed/community improvement groups and agencies across the country. Summer Program Members serve for 10 weeks on projects that vary from water monitoring, coordinating the creation of outdoor classrooms, conducting outreach, and organizing festivals. In 2011, a total of 58 Summer Program Members served across 19 states. The 2011 Summer Program Members logged a total of 21,294 service hours — more than 10 years of full time work. You can read more about that work here: <http://www.hardrockteam.org/docs/2011%20Summer%20Programs%20Report.pdf>

Project Possibilities

Water monitoring	Outreach and education
Program development	GIS mapping
Organizing volunteer projects	Developing/updating websites
Trail maintenance and building	Interpretive services and more

Program Options & Costs

Cost for Nonprofit: \$3,250 per member

Cost for Federal Agency: \$4,000 per member

Benefits of Sponsoring an Environmental Stewards Summer Program Member

- Brings in additional community partners to increase project capacity
- Uses cooperative agreements, giving a local agency office more control over the selection process
- Can help to identify funding sources and leverage additional project dollars
- Logistical support from regional and affiliate offices
- Matches Summer Program Members to the agency or nonprofit based on the project needs

Contact

Rachel Folk, Program Director
970-403-0140 summerprograms@hardrockteam.org

*Note: This program cannot serve the following states and agencies due to existing partnerships: NV, northern UT, Washington, California, or the BLM in Colorado and BLM in Arizona.

This Summer Program Member worked on environmental rehabilitation and beautification projects and outreach in Put-In-Bay, OH. With the help of volunteers she coordinated, they removed a large amount of the invasive species garlic mustard from a wildflower trail on the island and mulched a trail at a nature preserve .

