## **AMERICORPS NCCC**

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The state of Tennessee is supported by the AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Southern Region Campus. Located in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the Southern Region Campus houses approximately 160 members each year and serves the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, team-based residential program for men and women ages 18-24. NCCC members, assigned to one of five regional campuses, are organized into teams of approximately 10 members and serve in local communities in every state responding to needs that are identified by community-based organizations. Approximately 1,200 members serve in NCCC each year.

Teams serve with local and national organizations, providing an infusion of resources and leading volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, and hundreds of other organizations. These dedicated and energetic young adults lead youth development activities, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address other pressing local needs. A flexible program structure allows for partnerships with organizations that might lack the capacity to manage grant programs and for strategic collaboration with other national service programs to magnify the impact on the communities served.

As the federal government's direct national service wing, NCCC's structure allows for rapid deployment of teams in emergencies. Trained in CPR, first aid, disaster response and firefighting, NCCC teams have responded to local and national disasters since the program was established in 1994. Since 2000, NCCC members have served more than 4.7 million hours on over 1,760 disaster services projects.

## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN TENNESSEE SINCE 2000

- \* Completed 348,809 service hours
- \* Service valued at estimated \$7.4 million
- \* Coordinated 5,490 volunteers
- Constructed and restored 644 miles of hiking trail
- Completed over 1,900 damage assessments
- Assisted 11,676 people in mass care facilities or disaster area
- Removed over 258.2 tons of debris and trash
- \* Served 26,457 meals
- \* Planted over 8,900 trees and shrubs
- \* Tutored over 1,460 students
- Restored 8,164 feet of riverbeds and streambeds

## SAMPLE PROJECT SPONSORS

- ★ Vollintine Evergreen Community Organization
- ★ Great Smokey Mountains National Park
- \* The Salvation Army Nashville Area Command
- ★ Wolf River Conservancy
- ★ T.O. Fuller State Park
- ★ American Red Cross
- ★ Fall Creek Falls State Park
- ★ Volunteer Tennessee
- ★ FEMA
- ★ Tennessee Memphis Assistance Corporation
- ★ Easter Seals
- ★ Boys & Girls Club
- Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
- ★ Crossville Housing Authority

"The energy and enthusiasm of team members helped engage community partners, neighborhoods and volunteers. This has had a tangible as well as emotional impact, and gave real meaning to the concept of community service for those of us privileged to work with these wonderful young men and women."

Cathy Marcinko Wolf River Conservancy, Memphis, TN

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