

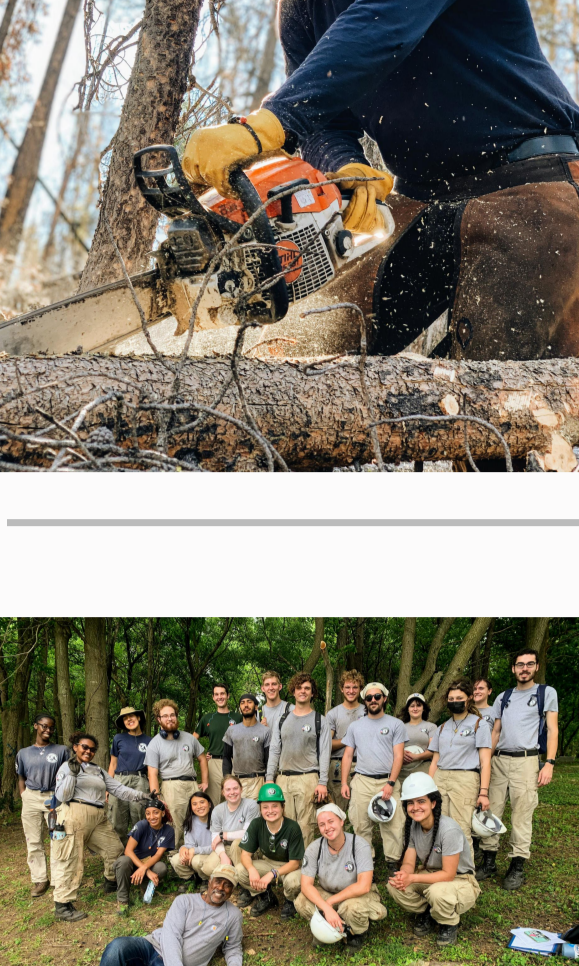


Gordon Reese Cabin, Montana
Photo by Chelsea Derbyshire

This month's newsletter is full of recaps! In August, we wrapped up our Greenwood Cemetery project with AmeriCorps NCCC, our projects in Montana, and the Year 28 service term came to a close. Thank you to all of our Members for your service this year!

Members finish their term in Montana!

This summer, our Members spent 5 weeks in Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, continuing a 20+ year tradition. Members completed a variety of projects around the forest including wilderness trail maintenance, firewood/camp ground maintenance, and some BAER (Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation) on areas impacted by last summers wildfires.

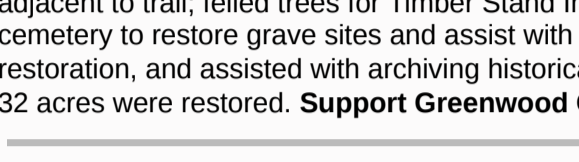


"Montana has certainly brought new challenges both positive and negative. My first project, a spike-out to Stewart Meadow, involved carrying around 80 pounds of gear 8 miles. Although we were all exhausted, we persevered through our struggles and completed the project fully. It is hard to find breaks here to rest and recover, but serving together with my fellow members has given us the strength necessary to meet the needs of the Forest Service. The amount of diversity present within project objectives has kept things exciting, and I feel like my understanding of felling, burning restoration, and trail maintenance has grown in a way that was not possible only in Missouri.

This great story is bittersweet to write, as August marks the end of my term of service. I am excited for the opportunities in my life going forward that ACSTL has provided me, but saying goodbye is never easy. I am eternally grateful for the friendships I have formed and the experiences I have had, and I hope to stay in contact with Staff and Members. I am confident I will carry the mantra "see the need, meet the need" forward with me through any path I end up taking."

- Austin Lininger, AmeriCorps Member (pictured left)

Greenwood Cemetery Wrap Up



In partnership with the Greenwood Cemetery Preservation Association, the AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team applied for and were granted a sponsorship to have a National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team assist the Greenwood Cemetery Preservation Association and AmeriCorps St. Louis in their efforts to preserve and maintain this historical cemetery.

In August, we wrapped up the project (for now!), and we are grateful to the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region for awarding ACSTL and Greenwood "Sponsors of the Round!" Thank you to all Members and volunteers who served on this project with us.

Over the course of the 3 months, Members cleared downed trees from cemetery; collected trash; cut and treated Bush Honeysuckle for invasive species control; felled snags/hazard trees adjacent to trail; felled trees for Timber Stand Improvement; removed vegetation from the cemetery to restore grave sites and assist with regular maintenance; removed vines for habitat restoration, and assisted with archiving historical documents. In total, over 7 of the cemetery's 32 acres were restored. **Support Greenwood Cemetery by clicking [HERE](#).**

Introducing: the AmeriCorps St. Louis Ambassadors Program!

We are excited to announce the launch of the ACSTL Ambassadors! The AmeriCorps St. Louis (ACSTL) Ambassadors will play a critical role in assisting AmeriCorps St. Louis efforts in outreach, recruitment, event planning and fundraising.

ACSTL Ambassadors will consist of 8-15 AmeriCorps St. Louis alumni as well as an AmeriCorps St. Louis Staff liaison. The goal of the Ambassadors is to increase public awareness for AmeriCorps St. Louis, strengthen our alumni network, bolster recruitment efforts, and explore new fundraising and development opportunities. The group will function similarly to a junior board or young professionals group. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed description of the program and application to join.

Time is running out to get your Legacy Brick!

We're updating the grounds in front of our building with native plants but we need your help to complete it! When you donate a minimum of \$100, you can personalize a brick that will be used to line our garden edge for years to come. Plus, your contribution will support our mission to enhance green spaces and improve the lives of vulnerable populations and disaster affected communities.

**LIMITED AMOUNT OF BRICKS AVAILABLE!
100% of the proceeds support our mission to serve.**

Join our Legacy Landscaping Brick Fundraiser!

RESERVE YOUR BRICK TODAY!

Help build our future with a customized garden brick while supporting our mission to improve natural areas and assist the unhoused community!

GET MORE INFO AT WWW.ACSTL.ORG

SUPPORT ACSTL WITH A BRICK

3 weeks away from the next service term - Apply Today!

Do you know someone who would be a great candidate for our program? We invite them to apply as a full-time National Service Volunteer for a unique and life-changing experience. As part of our 42-Member Emergency Response Team (ERT), you'll serve for 11 months alongside other passionate, hard-working people committed to making a real difference by preserving and restoring our environment as well as responding to natural disasters. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about the position and application process. Reach out to our Member Services Director, [Kelley Hower](#) if you have any questions.

WE ARE HIRING!

2022 - 2023 AmeriCorps Member: Emergency Response Team

- Environmental Conservation
- Wildland Firefighting
- Disaster Response

To Apply Visit >>>
acstl.org or americorps.gov

Volunteer Opportunity: 9/11 Day of Service

9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

Join us at Chaifetz Arena for the 2022 9/11 Day of Service Meal pack! On **Monday, September 12th**, we will pack over 150,000 meals for the St. Louis area. The Missouri Community Service Commission is looking for lead volunteers who can help manage tables, serve as runners, and help with registration.

If you'd like to volunteer with us and folks from across the city, please sign up for a shift by clicking the preferred time slot below:

- [7AM - 12PM](#)
- [11AM - 5PM](#)

From The Archive - Year 6

Member Service Director, Kelley Hower found the Year 6 Yearbook with pictures and Member information. Images may be grainy but you can still make out the smiles from their 1999-2000 service term. These are two of the scanned pages from Year 6.

staff shoutouts

Great service this year, it has been nice having all of you with us. Apply for a second year.
-Kevin

It's been a wonderful experience. I have learned so much from you. I hope that you have learned a lot from me. Thanks for making this a great year.
-Miafusa

I want to thank the Corps for all of your efforts and wish you all of the best and hope that you continue to find service as a part of your life.
-Breck

It's been a terrific year and I wish you all the best. Stay in Touch.
-Hillary

Thanks to all of you so much for the service you have provided this year. It takes a very strong person to do what all of you have accomplished. Big Ups to my Cluster, you all rock and I Love you dearly.
-Amanda

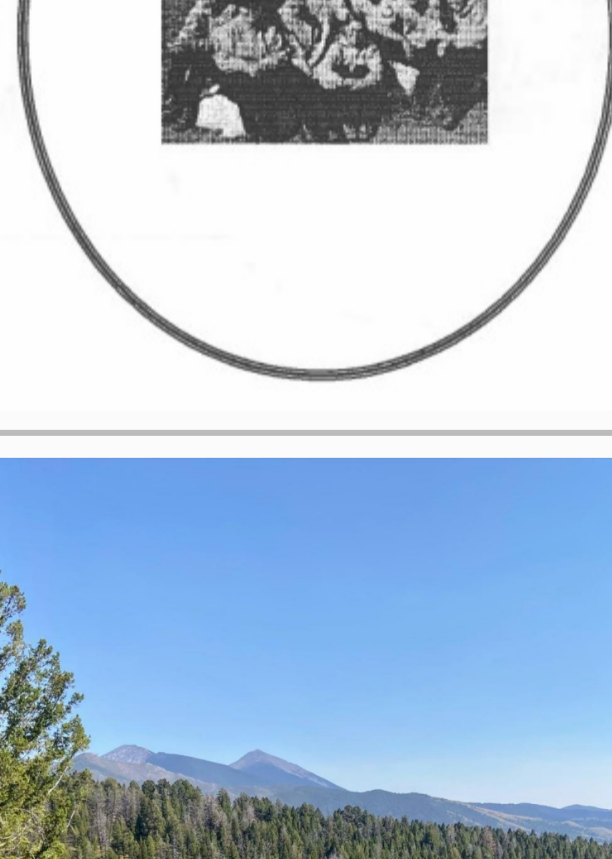
You did it!!! Your service is immeasurable, your perseverance relentless. Much Love for you all. Peace and Harmony.
-Habibak

This has been a very challenging and stretching year for you and the program, but you met the challenges, you really stretched. Because of the untold hours you served and the critical needs you met we again were able to be sited as an exemplary National Corps. You will forever be an inspiration to those who follow, please comeback and visit.
Kasee
Kathleen
The youthful energy and vitality of AmeriCorps members brings to the inner strength and commitment in those they are serving. Fostering hope and encouraging action.
-Bruce

Thank all of you for your commitment and undying desire to reach out to young people. Your efforts have touched so many and I hope your willingness to serve never dies.
-Denise

- The Members*
- Aaron McGee
 - Alfredo Lagos
 - Andy Kerwin
 - Breanne Orcasitas
 - Cindy Norton
 - Dyana Weeks
 - Emily Kunz
 - Heather Philpott
 - Jeannette Bowden
 - Jena DeJulio
 - John Tilden
 - Kate Dewar
 - Mitch Walma
 - Shane Bykhuis
 - Susan Scott

EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Year 28 Graduation Ceremony in Montana. Congrats to all of our Members!



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