The Native Conservation Corps program increases cooperation between Native American communities and the National Park Service, a partnership that is necessary for maintaining balance in the environment and harmony in communities.

Apply today to become part of this exciting program!

Who may apply?
To be eligible for participation in the program, you must:

Be a part of a Native American community (reservation, pueblo, or rancheria)

Be willing to live and learn away from home during the length of the program

Be willing to share your culture and heritage with others

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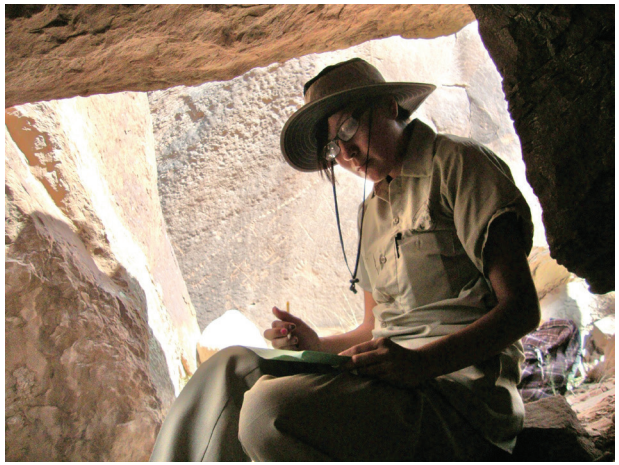

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Career, Collaboration, Adventure!

Building bridges between the National Park Service and Native cultures

Native Conservation Corps and the National Park Service

The Native Conservation Corps program is designed to mutually benefit participating Native American students, their local communities, and National Parks. Native American students will explore career and life experiences while engaging in conservation work.

By participating in the operation of a national park, students will help people in their local communities understand the national park system so that the community as a whole can use and appreciate park resources.

As a result of this partnership, national parks further pursues their mission by building a young and dynamic labor force while gaining support from local communities.

The ultimate goal of this project is to create harmony with our larger community and with the environment.

Participating students live for a short time in Petrified Forest and other near by parks, such as Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon, to learn from and assist park rangers, scientists, engineers, and administrators of the National Park Service.

Participants also have opportunities to act as ambassadors of their Native American communities/tribes as they interact with park visitors. Participants will camp and work in a group to develop teamwork, resourcefulness and creativity.

Facing interesting challenges in new surroundings, the Native Conservation Corps members return to their homes with a renewed sense of pride.

This program provides on the job training, supervision, guidance, transportation to and from the nearest large town, camping facilities and equipment, uniforms, and groceries to prepare meals.

The students work 8 hours per day, 5 days a week, and earn a stipend of $60.00 per day.

As a part of the Native Conservation Corps program, the student participants will share new perspectives and park experiences with their local community, becoming ambassadors for the National Park Service.

With assistance from park personnel, Native Conservation Corps enrolees will reach out to their communities by giving presentations about their experiences to various audiences such as their high school, local elementary schools, chapter houses, and community events.