The Wild Center (TWC) is seeking highly motivated AmeriCorps members for a 1700 hour (12 month) term at a natural history museum in the heart of New York State’s Adirondack region. Members are a key part of TWC’s visitor experience and will receive a broad range of interpretive experiences and opportunities. This position promotes leadership skills, development of local natural history knowledge, and best practices in customer service. Members will engage with visitors of all ages and backgrounds on our campus and throughout our community. We are looking for passionate, curious, and motivated people to join our team this year. All AmeriCorps members will share core duties related to visitor experience and community engagement with the option for additional responsibilities being offered to applicants with a particular interest in Climate Change or Animal Care.

**AmeriCorps Member Essential Duties and Responsibilities: ALL AmeriCorps Members will:**
- Facilitate interpretive programs for public visitors: including large groups, technology based Science on a Sphere, and outdoor programs (i.e. hikes, maple sugaring, ice fishing, and canoeing).
- Learn to handle live animals such as turtles, birds, and mammals for interpretive experiences.
- Teach school/afterschool programs to students in person and virtually, incorporating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) activities and utilizing campus resources.
- Design, implement, and manage community science programming at the local library and schools.
- Help maintain outdoor campus, opening and closing duties, trail sweeps, and gardening tasks.
- Assist with planning and coordinating festivals, trail programs, and the Youth Climate Summit.

**Climate AmeriCorps Members: Above duties for ALL AmeriCorps Members and:**
- Plan and implement climate education activities/workshops/presentations virtually and in-person.
- Spearhead Youth Climate Program communications by managing all social media accounts, compiling a monthly climate change education Newsflash, and promoting events.
- Assist with planning and implementation of our annual climate programs including the Educator Retreat, Youth Leadership Retreat, and the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit.
- Assist with mentoring local teens for the Youth Climate Leadership Retreat, Adirondack Youth Climate Summit planning, youth speaking engagements, and field trips.

**Animal Care AmeriCorps Members: Above duties for ALL AmeriCorps Members and:**
- Complete daily husbandry tasks for The Wild Center’s live animal collection including enclosure cleaning and servicing, diet preparation, and record keeping.
- Work closely with our animal ambassadors, including in direct contact with select animals, and develop a deeper understanding of animal behavior and natural history.
- Observe and participate in animal behavioral husbandry programs including environmental enrichment and animal training.
- Assist with medical treatments and procedures, under the direct supervision and instruction of Animal Care Staff.

**Qualifications:**
- Ability to commit to the full term 1700 hours, ~12 months of AmeriCorps service.
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria.
- Be a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States.
- Be at least 17 years of age at the commencement of service.
- Interest in teaching natural history, climate science, and working outdoors throughout the year.
- Flexibility and adaptability - we work in a dynamic team setting with shifting duties.
- Self-motivated - you seek opportunities to learn and grow and can thrive independently.
- Positive attitude and a willingness to work with people - you must enjoy working and communicating with people, including members of our rural Adirondack community.
- Organization and time management skills - you will work on multiple tasks concurrently.
• Maturity and professionalism - you will represent The Wild Center and AmeriCorps.
• Detail and safety-oriented - working closely with wildlife requires a keen eye for details and will help you (and our animal ambassadors) thrive.
• Policies - be prepared to adhere to all Wild Center policies including Covid safety procedures and regulations. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination is required as a condition of employment.

Experience & Education:
• Have a high school diploma or its equivalent or not have dropped out of elementary or secondary school to enroll as an AmeriCorps participant and must agree to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to using the education award.
• A college degree is not required to apply for this position. We encourage current college students to apply, as well as non-traditional applicants not pursuing a degree.

Work Schedule:
• 40 hours per week, including weekends, special events, and occasional mornings and evenings, with two consecutive days off each week.
• Flexible start date, with AmeriCorps hours to be completed over the course of up to 12 months.
• Members will be required to attend AmeriCorps-specific service days throughout their term.

Physical Demands:
• Ability to traverse rolling trails and spend prolonged periods of time outdoors in all seasons and weather conditions, including extremely cold temperatures.
• Daily periods of standing, bending, and crouching. Physical ability to frequently lift, scrub, and climb. Regular exposure to dirt, dust, animal feces, and cleaning chemicals. (Animal Care specific)

Compensation & Benefits:
• Approximately $376/week living allowance, paid bi-monthly.
• $6,495 Segal Americorps Education award after 1700 hours of service.
• Option for health insurance coverage.
• Shared, fully equipped housing less than 1 mile from The Wild Center, with all utilities included. Housing may be shared with up to 8 other AmeriCorps members.
• May be eligible for federal student loan forbearance during service term.
• Flexibility with school schedules for students working toward college credit.
• Professional training: team building, teaching skills, project management, science content knowledge, health and safety, accessibility, customer service, group management, and social emotional health.
• Training/certifications: CPR & First Aid, Certified Interpretive Guide, Visual Thinking Strategies.
• Optional water safety and canoe training plus use of canoes, kayaks, and SUP’s outside of work.
• The Wild Center strives to create an environment where our team thrives both personally and professionally. While life on the job can move at a fast pace, we appreciate the times we can slow down. Whether it's sharing stories over a staff potluck, being wowed by cool science facts, or taking a break during a meeting to view a cute animal - we make time to grow together as a community.

To Apply:
Open our Full Time AmeriCorps Member Application or go to wildcenter.org/careers to access the job description and application link. Attach a resume within the application form.

The Wild Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We have a strong dedication to diversity in our community and in the people and groups with which we work.

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