

Job Title: **AmeriCorps Summer VISTA – SEASONAL**
Reports to: Program Director
Schedule: SEASONAL position June 15 – August 23, 2017.
Approximately 40 hours per week. Hours may include some early mornings, evenings, and weekends.



Camp Fire is seeking dynamic individuals motivated to make a difference in the lives of children and teens. Your passion for personal growth, adventure, environmental stewardship, and making a difference in the world is practiced daily. You believe youth are the key to our community's future and you yearn to ignite the "spark" within them. Camp Fire serves as a catalyst for community building by offering programs for youth and families beyond the school day.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

This AmeriCorps Summer VISTA position is being offered by Better Together, for placement at Camp Fire Central Oregon to work primarily with our Teens summer programs for 7th through 10th grade students to support a successful transition to high school. This individual will support the program lead with all activities pertaining to the regularly scheduled events of the teens programs working directly with teens and helping to develop program activities. Activities include service projects, field experiences in nature, and other specific skill building areas, with added opportunities to be creative and add activities based on interests. The key objective of the program is to foster confidence, social awareness, and teen leadership skills through the development of our own community, as well as teen-driven projects that will give back to their larger community in a positive way. This individual may also have the opportunity to work with other age levels, planning activities and fostering growth mindset in children. We are looking for applicants for programs *in Bend and in Prineville*.

Specific Vista duties will be determined based on program needs and Vista's individual goals, strengths, and interests. Possible options could include:

- Become our field trip specialist and spend your summer outdoors! Develop, plan, and run field trips in nature to teach about our environment and responsible recreational use of it. This position would span age groups, require a clean driving license, first aid certifications, and experience leading youth outdoors.
- Are you passionate about service? Develop, plan, and lead service projects, some in cooperation with the forest service. This is a perfect opportunity to help teens see how valuable their contributions are to our community.
- Do you have a special talent you want to share or something you want to dive into deeper and learn more about? Develop, plan, and lead a skill building project for teens based on something you are interested in.
- Do you love working with younger kids? Support our teens who are looking to build leadership skills by teaching them how to engage kids in games and other character building activities.
- Are you an instagram fanatic? Help us build capacity to reach more teens by promoting our programs with your social media expertise.

Applications must be submitted via the AmeriCorps website at:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=60208&fromSearch=true>

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE: This position requires strong communication skills, positive attitude, initiative, flexibility, dependability, creativity and ability to work and problem solve as a team player

Minimum Qualifications—Applicants must possess:

- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Reliable transportation
- Must pass Background Check requirements
- The ability to focus on the physical and emotional safety and well-being of all participants.
- Current Child First Aid/CPR Certification (or able to obtain, training options provided)

Personal Qualities and Skills—A Camp Fire Counselor is a person who:

- Positively supports inclusion in all forms: ethnic, gender, gender identity, religious/spiritual affiliations, disabilities, political perspectives, etc.
- Has fun and models active engagement for youth while leading various physical, creative, and/or educational activities
- Thrives on challenges, creative problem solving, and continuous learning
- Strives for excellence, takes initiative, and is self-motivated
- Thinks strategically, acts resourcefully, and makes decisions with conviction
- Recognizes and responds quickly and effectively to emergencies
- Exhibits a strong work ethic and personal integrity
- Shows strong interpersonal skills, a positive and cheerful attitude, and a sense of humor
- Works well independently and as part of a cohesive team
- Desires to make a lasting impact on the Central Oregon community

Please contact info@campfireco.org with any questions.

About Better Together: Better Together has organized into regional, cross-sector, collaborative workgroups along the cradle to career continuum. These workgroups aim to increase student success by promoting a growth mindset, aligning and leveraging existing resources and developing specific innovative, data-driven initiatives. One such initiative is the 8+9 Project, which is a collaborative of existing and expanded programs and schools throughout Central Oregon who are working collectively around a shared vision & outcomes to increase graduation rates and ensure long-term student success. These organizations and schools are collectively supporting students during the vulnerable transition from 8th to 9th grade by providing free, fun, & future focused programs in the summer before & after 8th grade with link to a mentor at the start of 9th grade. The 8+9 organizations are focused on collectively impacting the following outcomes: *Increase the number of 9th grade students on-track to graduate *Increase the number of 8th & 9th graders attending school regularly *Increase the number of 9th grade students linked to a mentor at the beginning of high school.

About Camp Fire Central Oregon: Founded in 1910, the national organization Camp Fire has actively engaged youth and teens in building essential skills for life. Camp Fire Central Oregon has been a youth development organization in Central Oregon since 1916 and co-ed since 1975. We provide out-of-school time, teen service and leadership, camp and environmental programs.

Our Promise

Young people want to shape the world.

Camp Fire provides the opportunity to

find their spark,

lift their voice,

And discover who they are.

In Camp Fire, it begins now.

Light the fire within