

Position: **AmeriCorps VISTA – Full Year**
Reports to: Program Director, Mary Bowker
Schedule: TEMPORARY position July 16, 2018 – July 15, 2019
Approximately 35-40 hours per week. Hours may include some early mornings, evenings, and weekends.



Do you want to have fun while helping youth thrive in Central Oregon?

Camp Fire is seeking dynamic individuals motivated to make a difference in the lives of children and teens. With Camp Fire, 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 offers service, leadership, outdoor, and camp programs both in the summer and during the school year. We provide a nurturing, constructive and fun environment for young people to discover their sparks, adopt a growth mindset, and thrive. Join us!

POSITION OVERVIEW:

This AmeriCorps VISTA position is being offered by Better Together, for placement at Camp Fire Central Oregon. The goal of the VISTA assignment is to develop a Community Needs Assessment tool specifically for Camp Fire Central Oregon and implement programs and use the tool in the communities of Bend, La Pine, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville, and Madras. The VISTA's invaluable contribution will help to inform the development of future Camp Fire programs in an effort to serve unique communities with a strong foundation of equity, inclusion and the needs of families in poverty.

The assignment will begin with a fun filled summer of activities and interaction with Camp Fire's programs to help familiarize the VISTA with what Camp Fire is all about. This will include shadowing staff, participating in program quality evaluations, and assisting in various capacities with Teen Programs, SummerKids, and Tumalo Day Camp. The VISTA volunteer will also have training on Camp Fire's philosophy, as well as other important topics such as youth voice, equity, and inclusion.

For school year programs, VISTA volunteers will play an integral role in developing a tool and process to help Camp Fire assess the needs of the individual communities in Central Oregon as well as helping to pilot new programs. This aspect of the assignment will require the VISTA volunteer to spend time networking and creating community partnerships, problem solving logistics challenges, and contributing new ideas to streamline the process of implementing new programs. In addition, the VISTA will have the opportunity to help evaluate and improve existing and new programs as part of Camp Fire's culture of and commitment to a continuous process of quality assessment and improvement.

SKILLS:

VISTA volunteers are enthusiastic, positive, and creative problem solvers who are dedicated to making the world a better place for everyone collectively. They genuinely care about the well-being and development of our participants, are dependable and flexible, take initiative, and have fun.

Minimum Qualifications—Applicants must:

- be 18 years or older
- pass Background Check requirements
- be able to spend time sitting, standing or walking outdoors or indoors for extended periods of time in various types of weather

BENEFITS:

By joining our team, you are joining a community of passionate educators who work hard to make a positive impact on the community and provide opportunities for local youth. This VISTA assignment is an incredible opportunity to exercise your creativity and passion for positive change through youth development and will develop essential skills to include on your resume.

Upon successful completion of your service, you will have a choice of an Education Award or End of Service Stipend through Americorps.

TO APPLY:

Submit your official application through the AmeriCorps website by May 25th at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=79381&fromSearch=true>

Contact info@campfireco.org with any questions or to tell us you are applying.

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