

Position: **AmeriCorps Summer VISTA – SEASONAL**  
Reports to: Program Director, SummerKids Director  
Schedule: SEASONAL position June 14 – August 15, 2018.  
Approximately 35-40 hours per week. Hours may include  
some early mornings, evenings, and weekends.



### ***Do you want to spend your summer outdoors in Central Oregon having fun with youth?***

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. Join us!

#### **POSITION OVERVIEW:**

This AmeriCorps Summer VISTA position is being offered by Better Together, for placement at Camp Fire Central Oregon, to help youth navigate vulnerable transitions by guiding them through a fun-filled summer aimed at self discovery, service, leadership, confidence building, and social awareness.

While VISTA volunteers will help with all aspects of Camp Fire summer programming, their primary responsibilities will be assisting with the planning, promotion, and implementation of the Teen Summer programs (7th grade and older) and SummerKids' 4th through 6th grade field trip program. Specific VISTA duties will be determined based on program needs and each VISTA's individual goals, strengths, and interests. VISTAS can be sure to expect a summer filled with excursions, camping opportunities, and exploring all the best activities that Central Oregon has to offer!

VISTA volunteers are invaluable members of our community who are role models, motivators, educators, caregivers and spark champions. They make sure that participants are safe, having fun, and making a memorable summer. Together with counselors, instructors, and leadership staff, VISTA volunteers will help us create an environment where each member of our community, including participants, staff and volunteers, has a sense of belonging, opportunities to share passions, and a place to thrive.

#### **SKILLS:**

VISTA volunteers are enthusiastic, positive, and patient. They genuinely care about the well-being and development of our participants. They are dependable and flexible, take initiative, and have fun. (It is camp after all!)

##### **Minimum Qualifications—Applicants must:**

- be 18 years or older
- pass Background Check requirements
- be able to spend time outdoors in rugged terrain for extended periods of time
- be able to focus on the physical and emotional safety and well-being of all participants.
- possess or be able to obtain current Child First Aid/CPR Certification (training options provided)

## **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. During the summer you can expand your resume and gain valuable experience in:

Supervision	Leadership	Group management
Teaching	Communication	Planning and organizing
Mentorship	Activity preparation	And much more!

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 21st at <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=60208&fromSearch=true>

Note: The position is officially titled “Better Together Summer VISTA”, and is part of a collaboration of organizations. In order to specify that you want to be placed with us, please let us know so we can tell Better Together to filter your application to us.

Contact [info@campfireco.org](mailto:info@campfireco.org) with any questions or to tell us you are applying.

**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 is a fully inclusive organization providing opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds to learn and grow. We provide out-of-school time, teen service and leadership, camp and environmental programs. We offer a robust scholarship program to make our programs accessible to all youth and have no religious affiliation.

Learn more about Camp Fire Central Oregon at [campfireco.org](http://campfireco.org).

### **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**