

AmeriCorps Recruitment

The Center for Wooden Boats is recruiting for four AmeriCorps positions for the 2008-09 service term. Positions are 40 hrs/week for ten and a half months, starting Oct 16.

Requirements:

- Must be 18-25 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- US citizenship

AmeriCorps Benefits:

- Living stipend of \$950/month
- AmeriCorps members receive healthcare and, if eligible, childcare assistance.
- Most members qualify for state-funded benefits such as Food Stamps.
- Payment for interest accrued on qualified student loans during the term of service
- Upon successful completion of a minimum of 1700 hours of service, AmeriCorps members receive an educational award of \$4,725, which can be used to pay off student loans or be put towards continuing education at a qualified college or institution of higher learning. The educational award is taxable.
- Training in non-profit topics through AmeriCorps

CWB Benefits:

- Close to downtown Seattle
- Work on the shore of Lake Union, go sailing/rowing on your lunch break
- Position at Cama Beach State Park – work on the beach!
- Friendly, supportive office environment, including dogs
- Work on a variety of interesting projects
- Hands on experience in non-profit environment
- Gain lifelong skills

Asst. Volunteer Coordinator (Cama) – 1 opening

Start date: Oct 16

Keywords: *boats, volunteer, Seattle, history, outreach*

The Assistant Volunteer Coordinator will work with CWB's Volunteer Coordinator and Cama Beach Manager to strengthen CWB's volunteer program and integrate Cama Beach volunteers into the larger corps of Seattle & Puget Sound area volunteers. Member will spend the winter at CWB's Seattle site becoming familiar with the volunteer program and regularly visiting the Cama Beach site for volunteer events, meetings, and work parties. The member will move to Cama Beach in the spring to directly oversee Cama volunteers and work to develop volunteer involvement in youth education programs, specifically toy boat building and story time.

The Volunteer Coordinator will work with people of all ages and backgrounds, and should be able to direct others. Because there are only a few staff at Cama, the ability to be self-directed is very important for this position.

Desired skills:

- Able to work independently & as a team member
- Experience with community outreach/development
- Self-motivation & willingness to learn
- Excellent computer skills
- Experience working with volunteers
- Interest or experience in public education
- Writing & communication skills

Events Assistant – 1 opening

Start date: Oct 16

Keywords: *boats, events, outreach, history, marketing*

The Events Assistant will work with CWB's Operations Manager and Development Manager on the planning and production of events throughout the year, including our annual fundraising auction in the spring and the Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival during the summer. The Events Assistant will be responsible for coordinating volunteers both at CWB events, and for CWB's participation in off-site events, generally toy-boat building booths. The member will also collaborate with partner organizations on group events, including the October Workboat Show.

Strong written and verbal communication is a must, as is a demonstrated ability to solve problems. The Events Assistant will work with a wide variety of people and must be able to provide effective leadership to a project team. Individual initiative as well as strong team work are both key to this position. Because CWB covers a wide scope of activities which vary by season, each Americorps volunteer will be involved in a wide range of projects.

Desired skills:

- Able to work independently & as a team member
- Experience with community outreach/development
- Self-motivation & willingness to learn
- Excellent computer skills
- Strong writing & communication skills

Communications Assistant – 1 opening

Start date: Oct 16

Keywords: *boats, web design, writing, communications, marketing*

The Communications Assistant will work with CWB's Development Manager to improve the organization's website, current and new electronic newsletters, write and distribute press releases in a timely manner, develop relationships with media, help to create a sustainable marketing strategy, and collaborate with partner organizations on joint marketing of atlakeunion.org.

Strong written and verbal communication is a must, as is a demonstrated ability to solve problems. Proficiency with Adobe InDesign preferred. The Communications Assistant will work with a wide variety of people and must be able to provide effective leadership to a project team. Individual initiative as well as strong team work are both key to this position. Because CWB covers a wide scope of activities which vary by season, each Americorps volunteer will be involved in a wide range of projects.

Desired skills:

- Able to work independently & as a team member
- Experience with community outreach/development
- Self-motivation & willingness to learn
- Excellent computer skills
- Strong writing & communication skills
- Interest or experience in journalism
- Interest or experience in marketing & public relations

Youth Educator – 1 opening

Start date: Oct 16

Keywords: *boats, education, Seattle, teaching, youth*

The Youth Educator will work with CWB's Youth Education Manager to plan, schedule, and teach both indoor and outdoor field trips for students from pre-school through high school. Many programs are taught on the water in our traditional boats. During events and during summer months, the Youth Educator will work with and supervise youth interns and volunteers.

The ideal Youth Educator finds joy in teaching and has strong organizational skills, and an awareness of safety. Strong written and verbal communication is a must, as is a demonstrated

ability to solve problems. The Youth Educator will work with a wide variety of youth. Individual initiative as well as strong team work are both key to this position. Sailing skills highly desirable. Because CWB covers a wide scope of activities which vary by season, each Americorps volunteer will be involved in a wide range of projects.

Desired skills:

- Able to work independently & as a team member
- Experience with community outreach/development
- Self-motivation & willingness to learn
- General computer skills
- Experience working with children/youth
- Ready, willing and able to engage in hands-on projects
- Interest in education
- First Aid certification

About The Center for Wooden Boats:

In 1968, Seattle architect Dick Wagner, and his wife Colleen, began a traditional boat rental out of their own houseboat. By 1976 the idea of a small craft museum was born and 1977 saw the first Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival. In 1988 the Center was established as a 501©(3) non-profit. Boat livery (rentals) began in 1983, and the SailNOW! sailing instruction program began in 1989. CWB now has 65,000 visitors per year, 2,500 members, 450 active volunteers who collectively log over 25,000 hours a year, around twenty paid staff and a fleet of over 120 historic small craft which are displayed on the south shore of Lake Union, in the heart of Seattle. Admission has always been free.

CWB's mission is to "to provide a gathering place where maritime history comes alive through direct experience and our small craft heritage is enjoyed, preserved, and passed along to future generations." About 400 students take classes learning everything from sailing to boat-building to painting each year, plus 3000 kids get on the water through our field trip programs and dinghy sailing classes.. Community members participate in our Family Boatbuilding program, our volunteer program, our free public sails on Sunday afternoons, and other events. Over 15,000 people join us for the Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival over 4th of July weekend.

As the South Lake Union neighborhood expands and develops around us, CWB expects to continue to grow, and is planning expanded infrastructure, and construction of a new education center. We are collaborating with Washington State Parks at a second campus on Camano Island, an hour north of Seattle, where we run many of the same programs as in Seattle, but on salt water and at the site of a 1930s family resort. For more information on our programs, visit www.cwb.org

To apply, visit the AmeriCorps website <https://my.americorps.gov>

Our positions can be found by searching for Americorps State/National type programs in Washington state, with "boats" in the program name field.

In addition to the Americorps application, we ask for a cover letter, sent to volunteer@cwb.org
Applications without references cannot be considered.