

2023 Backcountry Stream Corps CALL FOR APPLICANTS & JOB DESCRIPTION

High School-Aged Students Volunteer* Opportunity with Watershed Education Network (WEN)

*A Stipend at the end and daily lunches are provided

WHAT: The Watershed Education Network (WEN) is offering a Backcountry Stream Corps (BCSC) Summer Monitoring Program and are **now recruiting high school age youth who are interested in working outdoors to become part of a 5-6 member crew this summer, late July - August, 2023.**

WHO: High school-aged youth (15-18 years of age by July 22nd, 2023) who have interest in and ability to work outside and in Missoula Valley Rivers rain or shine. We are seeking individuals that are experienced mountain bikers, enjoy walking/hiking, comfortable in a stream or river (approx. knee to thigh level). We are also seeking individuals that are good at following directions, completing tasks, and working collaboratively as part of a team. We are looking for a wide variety of crew members. WEN welcomes, embraces and respects the diversity of all people, identities, and cultures and we encourage anyone interested in a **2 week stipended volunteer position** in the outdoors to apply.

WHEN:

Orientation - **Sunday , July 23rd 1 - 3:30 PM**

Field Work - **Monday, July 24th - Thursday July 27th (4 days)**

Field Work - **Tuesday, Aug 1st - Friday 4th (4 days)**

Field work days will run approximately from **8 AM - 5 PM** with a lunch break.

STIPENDED POSITION: Backcountry Stream Corps crew members will be paid a stipend of **\$200** at the end of the two weeks. (*daily rate perspective = \$25/day-adjusted based on attendance*)

WHAT: Students will be trained and supervised by WEN staff; training will include stream monitoring training, GPS 101, Leave No Trace principles, and safety gear. Indigenous land acknowledgment and Native American cultural connections will be an integral part of each day.

WHERE: Rattlesnake Creek or Grant Creek, depending on flows and other seasonal factors.

Additional Details:

- Additional information and WEN guidelines for COVID-19 will be available on the website, including hiring paperwork.
- Transportation to the meeting location or trailhead from town may be provided by WEN staff if needed. However, we encourage crew members to meet at the trailhead or pre-defined meeting location for field days. Missoula Mountain Line Bus is an option as well.
- All stream monitoring supplies, including waders will be provided by WEN.
- Crew members **must** be able and available to work at remote monitoring projects throughout the session time-line. Little to no cell service is expected. Crew leads stay in contact with a satellite phone.

- Crew members will need appropriate outdoor work clothing, sturdy shoes to bike and walk in (no open toed shoes), a bike helmet, rain gear, and backpack. If you are unable to provide this gear, this does not disqualify you for the position, but please let us know prior to accepting a position so WEN can work with you on obtaining these items.
- No housing is provided.
- **Daily lunch will be donated by local businesses in Missoula.**

To apply: To apply, fill out the online Google Application Form, found online on the Backcountry Stream Corps page at: <https://www.montanawatershed.org/backcountry-stream-corps>. Select applicants will be interviewed before the final crew is decided.

Applications are **due by Sunday May 14th** by 9:00 PM

For any questions or to get additional information about the summer monitoring project, see the WEN website under the 'Programs' tab and look for Backcountry Stream Corps, email me at stephie@montanawatershed.org , or call WEN's office at **(406) 541-9287**.

We look forward to your application!