



WisCorps, Inc.
789 Myrick Park Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601



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Now Hiring WisCorps AmeriCorps Position!

Position Title:	Native Gardens Assistant
Department:	Myrick Park Center – Native Gardens
Position Type:	Part-Time, AmeriCorps Service Position, approx. 18-20 hrs/week
Service Term:	March 7 th – August 19 th 2022, 450 hours
Location:	Myrick Park Center – 789 Myrick Park Drive, La Crosse, WI 54601
Benefits:	\$4,024.32 living stipend, \$1,718.25 education award, dynamic & fun work environment
To Apply:	Reach out to Amber Bydynkowski at amber.bydynkowski@wiscorps.org for more information

About WisCorps:

WisCorps is a 501(c)3 organization headquartered in La Crosse, WI. Our two core programs include the Conservation Corps and the Myrick Park Center. We carry out conservation projects throughout the state of Wisconsin and provide environmental education programs for children, adults, and families in the La Crosse community. Our building, the Myrick Park Center, is used as a wedding venue, and as a meeting space for a variety of community organizations. Our mission is to develop leadership, self-confidence, and a strong work ethic in youth and young adults through the active stewardship of Wisconsin's communities and natural resources.

Our Commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

We expect members of our staff to be leaders in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within the organization and in our community. Staff is expected to continually create and support a culture of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in all WisCorps programs. Staff should seek to remove barriers to participation and create a safe and welcoming environment for all individuals, especially those who have been traditionally marginalized in the environmental field. This includes, but is not limited to BIPOC, AAPI, LGBTQIA+, Hispanic/Latinx, and individuals with a disability. Staff lead with an anti-racist mindset, and continually evaluate policies and procedures, and identify and refine, or remove those that do not support justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Position Overview:

This position will require collaboration with the local Master Gardeners and Master Naturalist to help maintain the native gardens surrounding the Myrick Park Center. Gain hands-on knowledge and experience working with plants and insects native to this area. Assist in developing and increasing our reach in terms of community engagement and provide a long-lasting sense of appreciation and stewardship for the land. Candidates must be able to work independently, as well as in conjunction with others as needed. This position allows for flexible scheduling.

Duties and Responsibilities

On-site Visitor Experience

- Train under the direction of the Master Gardeners & Master Naturalist
- Assist in maintenance of the Myrick Park Center native gardens
- Work independently to complete daily tasks, which include: transplanting, weeding, trimming tall plants, watering, etc.
- Design weekly displays for the native gardens kiosk
- Assist in developing/implementing seasonal plans
- Welcome visitors. Engage them to meet their needs, interests or curiosity about the native gardens and advance the Center's Mission
- Promote program participation, volunteerism, and community involvement to visitors. Connect visitors to other staff members when appropriate
- Assist with visitor's experience projects related to signage and exhibits in cooperation with the Director of the Myrick Park Center, Visitor Services Manager, Environmental Education Manager, and future program coordinator/manager roles
- Report to Visitor Services Manager as direct supervisor for AmeriCorps service

Volunteer Program Development & Facilitation

- Develop volunteer opportunities and facilitate existing opportunities
- Coordinate with and train volunteers to work in the native gardens
- Research current trends in best practices and the benefits of connecting youth, families, and adults to nature and to their community
- Work closely with departments facilitating volunteer opportunities
- Create and implement an efficient process for communication with volunteers
- Facilitate evaluations and data collection for volunteer programs involving the native gardens

Marketing & Recruitment

- Cultivate and maintain community partnerships
- Assist with website content and social media promotion

Financial Management

- Purchase supplies for group volunteer days as needed

Other

- Develop appropriate materials and structure to ensure WisCorps can sustain the program after the member's term of service is completed
- Deliver excellent customer service and community engagement when working with volunteers
- Ensure Myrick Park Center policies and safety procedures are followed

Skills and Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- Highly self-motivated, hardworking, confident, autonomous
- Ability to lift and carry up to 20 lbs
- Ability to use garden tools (ie. Wheelbarrow, shovel, trowel, pruning shears, etc.)
- Ability to work primarily on your feet/standing/crouching
- Has a sense of humor, able to think creatively outside of the box
- Good driving record and a valid driver's license
- Ready to undergo a criminal background check
- First Aid/CPR certification is required. This may be obtained through WisCorps when hired.
- Believes in the WisCorps mission and willing to implement WisCorps policies and procedures

Equal Opportunity Statement:

WisCorps provides equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran per applicable federal, state, and local laws. We are committed to assuring equal employment opportunity and equal access to services, programs, and activities for persons with disabilities. If you have a disability, and need to access information in an alternative format, or need it translated into another language, please contact us at 608-782-2494, by email at staff@wiscorps.org or Wisconsin Relay 711.