



Wildlife Conservation AmeriCorps, Georgia Sea Turtle Center Jekyll Island, GA

Duration of Program: March 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018

The Jekyll Island Authority will be filling two 6-month AmeriCorps positions starting 01 March 2017 and extending until 31 August 2018. These positions require a self-motivated, organized person with a professional interest in building a career in wildlife conservation. The typical service week will be predominantly field-based but also includes necessary data entry and management, as well as some writing assignments, background literature review, and preparation of deliverables in an office setting. Once trained, service will often be conducted independently. The selected members must be comfortable communicating with island residents, visitors, and local authorities. Professional conduct, integrity, and commitment to quality in carrying out all assigned duties are core expectations. The members will be encouraged to participate in professional development opportunities as they become available during the term of service.

Position Description and Essential Functions: The Wildlife Conservation Member responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

I. Wildlife Monitoring and Habitat Management: This position will primarily be focused on technical, field-based support to assist in monitoring wildlife populations on Jekyll Island, GA. Members will be charged with specific projects and duties based upon professional experience, interests, and strengths. Service will include aspects of wildlife management, habitat monitoring/management, and public outreach/education. Tasks may include, but will not be limited to: radio tracking (eastern diamondback rattlesnakes and eastern kingsnakes), wildlife population censuses (American alligators and white-tailed deer), shorebird monitoring (Wilson's plovers), bobcat scat and track surveys, amphibian monitoring, camera-based wildlife monitoring, plant identification, invasive plant control, restoration planting and seed collections, timely response to public wildlife concerns (including large alligators and venomous snakes), data-entry and management, development of outreach materials, and occasional wildlife education to diverse public audiences. Other duties, including some outside the field of conservation, may be assigned to provide the member with a well-rounded experience of state-park management activities.

II. Member Project: In addition to regular responsibilities, the member will be tasked with developing their own discreet project to be initiated and completed within the term of service. This project will be designed based on the member's background and professional goals in consultation with the JIA Wildlife Manager and the JIA Director of Conservation. A written report detailing member project accomplishments and a presentation will be required deliverables before the end of the term of service.

III. Community Engagement: The member will be expected to plan and execute at least one community engagement effort during their service, either as a component of the member project or as a separate effort. Community engagement may include a presentation to a community association, a work-service opportunity promoted to the community, the development and dissemination of outreach materials, or a combination of the above. Including other AmeriCorps members and established GSTC/JIA volunteers as members of the audience is highly encouraged.

Specifics: The member selected for the position will serve under the daily supervision of the Jekyll Island Authority's (JIA) Wildlife Manager. The position is supported through the JIA's Georgia Sea Turtle Center AmeriCorps program and will operate through the JIA Conservation Department. The members will be trained as necessary in safe and effective wildlife management practices, including capture, handling, tracking, and population monitoring methods. The members will be responsible for documenting metrics of work performed. Opportunities will be provided, as available, for training elsewhere in coastal Georgia through a variety of external partnerships.

The service week will generally be 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday – Thursday or Tuesday – Saturday, but service outside of normal business hours may be assigned occasionally. The majority of service will be performed outdoors. Tolerance of hot, buggy, or otherwise inclement field conditions are required. Ability to carry up to 50 lbs. of gear is necessary.

General Requirements:

- Positive attitude and interpersonal skills
- A desire to learn
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Strong public speaking skills
- Basic computer skills
- Well organized
- Self-motivated and able to work independently or with a team
- Able to adapt to a flexible schedule

Minimum Requirements/Qualifications:

- 18+ yrs of age
- U.S Citizen
- Ability to obtain a U.S. driver's license

- **Preferred:**
 - Radio-tracking experience
 - Training and professional experience with capture and handling of alligators and/or venomous snakes
 - Coastal bird identification
 - Southeastern frog call and identification
 - Coastal plant identification, and/or ability to key out plants
 - Previous experience working with wildlife and/or familiarity with the ecological communities of the coastal southeastern United States

Salary and Benefits: Stipend (\$5000/6-month term), island amenities, education award and student loan deferment, onsite housing.

Housing: On-site shared house with utilities will be available with a \$200 per month rent surcharge automatically deducted from payroll and \$190 security deposit. Houses are air-conditioned and equipped with basic furniture, kitchen and bathroom supplies. Limited bandwidth wi-fi is also available. You must provide your own linens, towels, & food. Not provided but available: telephone, and cable. Jekyll Island parking pass will be supplied.

**Travel and transportation costs will not be covered by GSTC*



**Essential functions need to be able to be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.*

Interested applicants should submit cover letter, C.V., and references at: www.jekyllisland.com