

Be the Change Newsletter

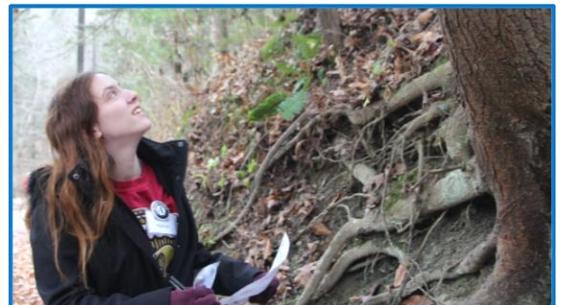
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First Service Year in Full Swing

EELCorps members are beginning to settle in to their sites. Already having served over 2,000 people since the beginning of the service year in September, members are just getting started. As the service year gets into full swing, some members have already had the chance to dive into working with their community.

One such member, Cassie Odom, serves at Bluegrass Greensource where she just led a Worm Investigation lesson with about 25 kindergartners and first graders. By the end of the lesson, the students were able to identify the parts of the worms and Cassie learned that she really can make a difference! Cassie is growing in confidence as an environmental educator, and we could not be more proud of her! Way to go, Cassie!



While some members have been able to dive right in, others are looking ahead to the programs and opportunities that await!

To keep up with what's happening with EELCorps, follow us on our social media!



The Environmental Education Leadership Corps



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Ready to join us? Find out how to become a member or site partner on the page three!

EE Certification Course halfway Complete

As part of their service term, EELCorps is certifying members who began their service before the workshop cut-off date as Environmental Educators through the Professional EE Certification (PEEC) Course, which is accredited by the North American Association for Environmental Education. The PEEC Course participant pool is partly EELCorps members and partly professionals from the EE community that sign up for the course each year. PEEC Course participants are now more than halfway through the course with two workshops under their belts, and two more to go!

Throughout the PEEC Course, participants are learning about professional responsibility, but in workshop one participants focused on environmental literacy. They also delved into what makes good environmental education. In workshop two, participants focused on how to teach environmental issues.

By the end of the course, participants will have created and implemented an EE lesson plan, and they will develop a new understanding of the field of environmental education and their place within the field.

To the PEEC Course 2018-2019 Cohort, keep up the good work! You are halfway there, and you can do it!

For information about how to join the 2019-2020 EE Certification cohort, please visit:

<https://keec.ky.gov/EEcertification/>



2018-2019 EE Certification Cohort

EELCorps Slot OPEN NOW!

J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp, located in London, KY has a remaining EELCorps slot open!

Member will be a half-time member with a 900-hour service commitment using their service to help execute environmental education programs for schools and 4-H clubs in order to reach more campers than ever before for J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp! With record-setting summer camp numbers, the member will have a blast teaching EE lessons to campers and so much more!

Benefits:

- Living allowance of \$6,995 (disbursed incrementally in bi-weekly cycles from member start date until August 31st, 2019)
- Segal Education Award: \$2,960
- HOUSING PROVIDED! (optional)

How to become a Site Partner

The Environmental Education Leadership Corps is proud to help increase environmental literacy in Kentucky by pairing AmeriCorps members with service sites who wish to provide varying styles of environmental education to Kentuckians of all ages! Could your organization use an extra pair of hands ready serve Kentucky?

To be eligible to host an EELCorps member, sites must meet certain requirements. Please visit <https://keec.ky.gov/EELC> for more information about the requirements of becoming a service site partner.

Application coming soon!

Please email ashley.mike@ky.gov to be notified when the site partner application for the 2019-2020 service year is available or for questions about eligibility.



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Do you know someone who would be interested in knowing more about EELCorps? Send them our way!

Share our posts, tag them in comments, or ask them to sign up for our newsletter by emailing ashley.mike@ky.gov or by visiting <https://keec.ky.gov/EELC>.



Events

2/03/19

MLK Day of Service makeup day
Locations and times vary. See Facebook for details

2/21-2/23/19

PEEC Workshop Three
Louisville Flaget Center

3/7-3/8 & 3/14-3/15, 2019

Serve KY Getting Things Done Conference
More details to come.

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Row 1: Hannah Moore at PEEC Workshop Two

Row 2: Mahala Watts, Michelle Berendsen, and Cristi Smith at PEEC Workshop Two

Row 3:

1- Girl at Clay Hill Memorial Forest bird feeder event.

2- Bluegrass Greensource goes to classroom to teach about recycling

3- Rachel Hungler at PEEC Workshop Two

Row 4: Mikayla Groce and class at bird feeder event

Page Two

Row 1: PEEC Course participant, Jaime Moore at Workshop Two

Row 2:

1- Project WET, Sum of the Parts
2- Draw an Environmental Educator Activity

3- Project Learning Tree, Trophic Transfer

Row 3: PEEC Participants

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Row 1: Mikayla Groce first day at site, Clay Hill Memorial Forest