



# Be the Change Newsletter

May 2019

## Recent EELCorps Events

EELCorps members are serving tirelessly across Kentucky to increase environmental literacy! As we learn more about what Kentucky needs from EELCorps, members have been strategically implementing plans and programs, connecting with their communities, and striving to provide the very best service possible! Meanwhile, program staff are striving to learn from members, supervisors, Serve Kentucky Staff, and other programs across the nation!

Check out some of the cool things that have been happening this spring that are helping EELCorps to bloom!

### America's Service Commissions Regional Conference

Program Staff attended the ASC Regional Conference in St. Paul, MN to learn about what is to come for AmeriCorps. The conference featured sessions on how other programs do things differently, and how EELCorps program staff can make the EELCorps member experience even more rewarding and satisfying!



### New Members!

EELCorps welcomed 3 new members: Alicia and Nicole at J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp, and Jonathan at Thomas More Biology Field Station!

Alicia, having now served a few months was certified as a Project Facilitator for Projects Wet, Wild, and Learning Tree. Alicia was able to lead a Project Certification for about six participants, including the newest member, Nicole!



### Member Programs

EELCorps members have been learning what their communities want and need and have been leading many programs to respond to those needs. A great example of this is Michelle at the Forestry Outreach Center. Michelle, in conjunction with the rest of her team, leads many programs. After hearing from the community and collaborating with a community member, Michelle now co-leads free-play days where-in children from the community come together for free-play in different themes and settings. Recently, kids had the opportunity to have free-play in the creek at the Pinnacles hiking trails, located near the Forestry Outreach Center!

To keep up 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!

# Snapshots of the Service Year

## 2018-2019 Service Snapshots

**NUMBER OF HOURS SERVED: 13,314.5**  
**VALUE: \$285,196.59**

By early May, EELCorps members served over 13,000 hours. Kentucky's "Value of Volunteer Time" is \$21.42 per hour, making the value of service member's time worth over \$285,000!



EELCorps members create and lead EE activities and programs that last 20 minutes or more to increase environmental literacy across Kentucky. The EELCorps goal overall is 8,000 people reached.

Almost there!

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE RECEIVING INSTRUCTION:**  
**6,783**



**TOTAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES CREATED: 174**

EELCorps members serve at their site to create and lead programs and activities that will increase environmental literacy. The EELCorps goal was for each member create and lead at least one program. With 19 current members, we have far surpassed our goal!



**TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED: 19,525**

Overall, EELCorps members report reaching almost 20,000 people across Kentucky in one way or another at their service sites!



## Looking Forward

Planning is already in effect for the 2019-2020 service year as EELCorps begins to plans for the next round of amazing service that members bring to Kentucky!

May 31  
Site Partner  
Application Due!

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Recruitment for  
members begins!

June 5-12  
Notice goes out  
for site partners

September 1  
2019-2020 Service  
Year begins!

EELCorps members are #GettingThingsDone for Kentucky

## Recruitment Corner!

### BECOME AN EELCORPS AMBASSADOR!

Sign up to become an EELCorps Ambassador and help us recruit the next EELCorps cohort from your great networks!

#### Ambassadorship Includes:

- Free window decal!
- Bookmarks and other printables!
- First wave notice when AmeriCorps positions come open!
- Early access to member applications!
- Chances to be featured on EELCorps social media!
- Information about other AmeriCorps programs!

#### Ambassador Goals:

Share the news! The goal of any good EELCorps Ambassador is to use the information we will provide to help grow this awesome program!

Interested in serving with EELCorps? Email [ashley.mike@ky.gov](mailto:ashley.mike@ky.gov)!  
Application opening soon for the 2019-2020 service year!

## Site Partner Application Reminder



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 to 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 to become a site partner is due May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019!**

To apply, please visit:  
<https://keec.ky.gov/EELC>

## FOLLOW US!

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](mailto:ashley.mike@ky.gov) or by visiting <https://keec.ky.gov/EELC>.



## Events

05/25/19

GreenFest 2019  
Bluegrass Community and  
Technical College  
9:00AM-3:00pm

05/31/19

PEEC Course Graduation  
Frankfort, KY @ Capitol Rotunda  
11:00AM

05/31/19

Deadline for Site-Partner  
Applications and Member  
Application Released

08/13/19

KEEC Master Plan Meeting  
Central Region-Elizabethtown  
Elizabethtown CTC  
1:00-4:00PM

08/14/19

KEEC Master Plan Meeting  
Western Region-Paducah  
West Kentucky CTC  
1:00-4:00PM

08/20/19

KEEC Master Plan Meeting  
Southern Region-Somerset  
Somerset CTC  
1:00-4:00PM

8/22/19

KEEC Master Plan Meeting  
Eastern Region- Prestonsburg  
Big Sandy CTC  
1:00-4:00PM