

Gooding County Extension Office– Position title: 4-H AmeriCorps Youth Development Instructor

Capacity: Quarter-Time Summer Term: May 18-August 14, 2020

Contracted Service Hours: 450 hours

Stipend: \$3,150

Term of Service: May 18, 2020-August 14, 2020

Overview of Position:

Increase academic interest and engagement in STEAM subjects and improve social-emotional development of underserved youth aged 5-18 years through Positive Youth Development out-of-school time programs.

Program Location: Gooding County Extension Office/Other locations as needed by program (schools, etc)

Member Duties & Responsibilities:

AmeriCorps is America's National Service initiative. Through AmeriCorps, individuals of all ages and backgrounds address the nation's education, public safety, environment, and/or human needs through service. The mission of AmeriCorps includes: getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunity.

Idaho 4-H AmeriCorps members contribute to this effort by: Teaching, leading, and facilitating youth development curriculum in STEAM based out-of-school time programs; Facilitating family engagement events; Serving as mentors and role models, teaching important life skills, and giving youth positive opportunities to explore the world around them in a fun, engaging, non-formal learning environment; Engaging new volunteers in their local programs to serve as 4-H leaders and event volunteers.

Idaho 4-H AmeriCorps members will also submit regular progress reports and evaluate programs according to instructions, participate in required community service learning projects and trainings and provide support and development of community partnerships

Additional duties of this position will include:

- Plan and execute a summer STEM program in conjunction with local schools and Gooding County Extension Office.
- Develop and increase partnerships for out-of-school/after-school 4-H programs with local schools
- Find and recruit volunteers and members to assist youth in starting and completing 4-H STEM projects in after-school and standard 4-H clubs
- Find, select, and/or write curriculum as needed to run STEM projects.
- Assist youth in choosing and completing 4-H STEM projects through after-school and standard 4-H club work.

Service Site Location: Gooding County Extension Office

Minimum Qualifications & Skill requirements:

- Ability to plan and execute a youth 4-H STEM program, working in conjunction with Extension personnel and any other volunteers or facilities (e.g. local schools) necessary.
- Comply with the University of Idaho policy on affirmative action and equal opportunity as stated in the University of Idaho Faculty Staff Handbook, section 3060; comply with UI civil rights

policies and procedures.

- Ability to pass a background check.
- Able to provide 3 valid references, a resume, and a cover letter.
- Some college coursework preferred
- 17 years or older
- U.S. citizen, or U.S. national lawful permanent resident
- Have high school diploma/GED equivalent
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria
- Commitment to community service and ability to provide service for the complete term
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries with youth, families, partners, and coworkers
- Willingness to attend all AmeriCorps and site trainings
- Willingness to travel to required trainings and days of service
- Ability and willingness to facilitate STEAM programming and recruit and train volunteers to do the same
- Enjoy serving with youth
- Dedication to interact professionally and maintain a professional appearance
- Commitment to serving others and working with diverse audiences
- Willingness to lead and be flexible and creative in a fluid environment

Program Benefits:

- Member Living Allowance
- Segal Education Award upon successful completion
- Professional development training
- Childcare assistance if eligible

Terms:

- This position is quarter-time serving in a full-time capacity. Member will average 38-40 hrs/wk
- Must wear required AmeriCorps gear while serving
- Valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle
- Some evenings and weekends may be required

For additional information regarding this AmeriCorps position, please contact:

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I have read the above AmeriCorps Position Description and understand my responsibilities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

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