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AMERICORPS TEAM COLLABORATES WITH LOCAL NONPROFIT TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Wexford, PA – An AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team will be visiting the Bradford Woods area from August 16 through September 27, 2019 supporting efforts of The Woodlands in its mission to enrich the lives of children and adults with disabilities and chronic illness. Through their service, AmeriCorps NCCC members are working with The Woodlands’ Facility Team in stripping old wood siding from the campers’ cabins, including removing tar paper and refurbishing with Hardiplank. In addition, the NCCC team is also creating new hiking trails for Woodlands participants, eliminating invasive plant species, and removing unwanted brush encroachment from any extracurricular places around the activity centers.

“The goal is to help children and adults with disabilities and chronic illnesses to have an immaculate place to getaway and have fun. We would like to thank The Woodlands in providing us the history and knowledge behind the community, accommodating us with the tools and resources that are necessary for our service work. We appreciate the crew for allowing us to reside on their campgrounds.” NCCC Media Reps Tatiana Cordova-Glaze and Anthony Ricci shared.

AmeriCorps NCCC, also known as the National Civilian Community Corps, is a program for Americans ages 18-24 years old. Members come from throughout the country to participate in this organization. The group currently at The Woodlands, known as Elm2, has 11 volunteers that come from Arizona, Georgia, California, Maryland, South and North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Massachusetts, and Lancaster, PA. Within each group, there is a determination towards helping communities respond to and prepare for disasters, build homes, and protect the environment. AmeriCorps NCCC members spend ten months getting things done for America while also developing their own leadership skills. Each team serves four rounds, and in each round members spends approximately 5-7 weeks serving within communities to meet their required needs.

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About AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and its FEMA Corps unit engage up to 2,800 young Americans in full-time, 10 month commitment to service each year. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, and urban rural development; FEMA Corps members are solely dedicated to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery work. The programs are administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS is a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation’s volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.

About The Woodlands

The Woodlands' mission is to enrich the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness by providing adapted therapeutic programs that support and strengthen the development of skills in socialization, creative expression, environmental awareness, recreation, and spirituality at its fully accessible Wexford, PA, facility. Program applications, further information, and a schedule of The Woodlands' programming are available at www.mywoodlands.org.



AmeriCorps NCCC member, James Masse, 22 of Worcester, MA assists the team in refurbishing the exterior of camp cabins on The Woodlands' campus in Bradford Woods, PA.

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