



CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS

35 years of "Hard work, low pay, miserable conditions and more..."

It all began in 1976

Governor Jerry Brown created a program he envisioned as a **"combination Jesuit seminary, Israeli kibbutz and Marine Corps boot camp."** He also modeled the new CCC after the original Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s.

Now, 35 years later, the California Conservation Corps is embedded as a state agency, still hiring thousands of young people for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. It is the oldest and largest conservation corps program in operation.

We do natural resource work on public lands

Since 1976, more than **67 million hours** of conservation work throughout California, including:

- Trees: 21 million trees planted
- Trails: 9,779 miles of backcountry trails constructed or repaired
- Fish: 1800+ miles of salmon and steelhead habitat improved along coastal rivers and streams
- Parks: Nearly 12 million hours building or improving parks from cities to rural areas
- Energy: Auditing and retrofitting 25 million+ square feet of public buildings
- Fire Hazard Reduction: More than a million hours in just the last decade

We respond to disasters statewide

- One out of every 5 CCC work hours is devoted to emergency response
- Sent to nearly every major California disaster -- floods, fires, earthquakes, oil spills, pest infestations -- **9.6 million hours** of assistance since 1976
- The CCC's largest fire response ever -- the many 2008 wildfires, with 768 corpsmembers deployed statewide.
- Fighting floods, the CCC has filled more than 3.5 million sandbags since 1976

We're located throughout California

27 residential, nonresidential sites located in urban, rural and suburban areas, from Humboldt County to San Diego County.

Corpsmembers

Young men and women, 18 to 25, who are California residents, not on probation or parole, and willing to work hard. They sign up for a year, earn minimum wage.

Since 1976, **115,000 corpsmembers** hired, including some second-generation sons and daughters of earlier corpsmembers.

After the CCC

Many corpsmembers are hired by resource management agencies; others have become teachers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and small business owners.

Most common alumni refrain: "It was the best year of my life."

The CCC offers two different scholarships for post-secondary education or training after the CCC.

The CCC's Motto:

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