

NCCC BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS AT CAMP COURAGEOUS

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Monticello, Iowa – An AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) team is working with Camp Courageous as camp counselors from September 10 to November 2 on their final NCCC service project.

The NCCC team is providing personal care for the campers as well as leading camp activities such as canoeing, swimming, dancing, art and entertainment. The team is also assisting the camp staff with facilitating the ropes course, zip line and caving exploration classes.

“I’m looking forward to a new kind of project that revolves around building relationships and working with different kinds of people,” says NCCC Member Jaclyn DeFranco. “I’m also excited about the perks of living at a camp such as canoeing, arts and crafts and campouts.”

Camp Courageous serves over 6,000 individuals with disabilities annually. Their mission is to provide exceptional year-round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. The camp is run primarily on donations, giving all individuals the opportunity to give through gifts of time, materials, money and other means that support the camp.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a full-time, residential, national service program in which 1,100 young adults serve nationwide each year. During their 10-month term, NCCC Members – all 18 to 24 years old – work on teams of eight to 12 on projects that address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Members mentor students, construct and rehabilitate low-income housing, respond to natural disasters, clean up streams, help communities develop emergency plans, and address countless other local needs. The North Central Region campus in Vinton, Iowa is one five regional campuses in the United States and serves Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The other campuses are located in Perry Point, Md.; Sacramento, Calif.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and Denver, Colo.

In exchange for their service, NCCC Members receive \$5,550 to help pay for college, or to pay back existing student loans. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, increased self-confidence, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, people can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Corporation improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at www.americorps.gov/nccc.

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