

Three is a Crowd: Accommodating large numbers of volunteers

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Session Overview

- Expectations
- Introductions
- Who to work with
- The needs of Volunteers
- When to do it
- How to do it
- Questions and Answers

Expectations

- What questions do you have?
- What do you hope to leave with?
- Why are you attending this session?

My Expectations

- Participants will gain a better understanding of how to accommodate a large group of volunteers from a one day event to a longer period of time
- Participants will be able to evaluate their current partnerships and identify new partnerships
- Participants will gain a better understanding of AmeriCorps NCCC and their role in Long Term Disaster Recovery Efforts, National Days of Service and other projects.

Group Introductions

Three Points

- Name
- Organization
- One Project you would like to see volunteers assist you with?

Who to work with

- HS and College youth
 - Service Groups
 - Athletes
 - Music
 - Breaks
- Youth Groups
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Interns
- Reunions
 - Family
 - Class
- Company Retreats
- Big Businesses
- Retired Adults
- All the animals
 - Elks, Lions, etc...

AmeriCorps NCCC

(National Civilian Community Corps)

- Federal team based national service program
- Teams 10-11 members including a team leader
- Men and women between the ages of 18-24.
- Serve a fulltime 10 month term
- Receive education award



Corporation for National and Community Service

- Created in 1993 with support from Congress, the President and community groups nation-wide.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service is a public-private partnership that oversees several national service initiatives, including the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

Corporation for National and Community Service

Senior Corps

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Five Regional
Campuses

AmeriCorps NCCC

Project Service Areas:

- Natural and other Disasters;
- Environmental stewardship and conservation;
- Infrastructure improvement;
- Energy Conservation;
- Urban and Rural development.



North Central Region Vinton, Iowa

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Michigan

Minnesota

Nebraska

Ohio

South Dakota

North Dakota

Wisconsin

Completing disaster recovery projects in the Gulf
Region States.

AmeriCorps NCCC

- 14 teams in two units
 - Cedar and Oak
- 30% College Grads, 30% HS Grads, 30% College background
- Members come from all over the country
- Trained in CPR, first aid, leadership, team building, service-learning, disaster response, and much more!
- Each Team has own 15 passenger van



Volunteers have needs too



How do you provide those needs?

- Communication
- Community Partnerships
- Board Members/Staff
- Volunteers



AmeriCorps NCCC

Community Sponsor Provides

- Meals
- Lodging (if further than an hour from Vinton, IA)
- Schedule of work
- Project supplies and materials
- Technical support and direction

NCCC Provides

- Meals
- Lodging (if less than an hour from Vinton, IA)
- Transportation
- Basic Personal Protective Equipment

A blue-tinted photograph of a vast ocean under a cloudy sky. The text "How do we make it work?" is centered in the image.

How do we make it work?

PARC Model

- Preparation
- Action
- Reflection
- Celebration

Tips to Prepare

- Compelling Need
- Project Tasks
- Daily Work Schedule
- Rainy Day Plans
- Service-Learning: Orientation and Training
- Adequate Site Supervision
- Food and Lodging
- Community Support and Sustainability
- Impact Evaluation

When to bring in large numbers?

- National Days of Service
 - MLK Day
 - Global Youth Service Day
 - Make a Difference Day
- Anniversary Celebrations
- March/April (spring breaks)
- Planning stage is done
- Action plan is ready
- Have come across extra money
- Projects need an extra boost

Wish List

- Future Projects
- If I could.....I would
- I have people to help? Really?

Class XV NCCC North Central Region Accomplishments

(75 projects, 12 states, 14 teams, 10 months)

- **3,398 volunteers recruited or coordinated**
- 1,091 elementary students supported in an out of school program
- 835 acres of land burned in prescribed burns
- 2,574 people in environmental education programs
- **127 homes refurbished for disaster victims**
- 3,630 feet of stream banks or riverbanks restored or protected
- 95 acres of land cleared of unwanted brush or exotic vegetation
- 4,946 feet of fencing built or repaired
- 2 archeological sites supported
- 11,595 trees or shrubs removed
- **24 miles of existing hiking trail restored**
- 300 feet of boardwalks built or repaired
- 537 meals served to relief workers or other volunteers
- **228 informative signs built, painted, or installed**
- 172,400 sandbags removed after flood waters receded



Questions?

Next Steps

- Just Ask.....
- About **44%** of volunteers became involved after being asked to volunteer, most often by someone within the organization;
- The main activity volunteers performed was **fundraising**, followed by collecting/preparing/distributing/serving food;
- **63.4** million people volunteered, representing 26.8% of the population, up from 2008 numbers;
- Persons aged **35-54** years of age were most likely to volunteer. The lowest volunteer rates found were for those in their early twenties, and those age 65 and older.

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