



WARM Training Center

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Positions Available: Crew Leader – Detroit Youth Energy Squad

WARM Training Center, a non-profit leader in energy efficiency programs, seeks enthusiastic, dependable individuals to serve as crew leaders for its Detroit Youth Energy Squad (D-YES). You would perform basic energy-efficient retrofits (e.g., weatherize doors and windows, install low-flow showerheads, insulate pipes) and teach hundreds of low-income families how to understand their energy bills and save upwards of \$300 per year in energy costs. Since 2009, over 70 youth and volunteers have served over 700 Detroit households, with an additional 900 planned this summer.

D-YES will have 10 crews this summer; up to 7 positions are available. Crew leaders are responsible for teams of 2-3 high school students (ages 17-19) and community volunteers during these home energy visits. Leaders will also assist with facilitating community greening projects and educational activities 1-2 days per week. Current projects include community gardening, water conservation and rain gardens, workshops and activities for children, and local art projects. You will serve as a mentor for high school students and lead activities that enhance career and civic engagement skills and build awareness around environmental and social justice, climate change, and green jobs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead teams of youth and community members in home energy visits and greening projects
- Maintain safe, productive, and enjoyable work environment
- Transport crews and supplies to and from worksite in personal vehicle
- Explain energy bills, promote energy conservation, and install energy efficient supplies
- Manage energy-efficient supplies and complete household paperwork
- Assist with academic enrichment, teambuilding, and career development activities
- Contribute to program development on a limited basis

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years experience working with youth (e.g. camp counselor, tutor, coach, teacher)
- Knowledge of energy-efficiency, climate change, green jobs, and social justice beneficial
- Strong leadership and decision-making skills
- Ability to work well with a team from diverse backgrounds
- Comfort working in urban low-income communities
- Basic computer literacy and ability to work with Microsoft Office
- Able to lift moderate loads and perform physical activities in household and outdoor settings
- Valid driver's license for 2+ years and acceptable driving record
- Personal vehicle and current insurance for transporting crew (required; mileage reimbursed)
- All applicants be at least 21 years old and pass a criminal background check

TERMS & APPLICATION: This is a 450-hour AmeriCorps position, and includes a living stipend of \$250 per week and an education award of \$1,400 upon completion. Classroom and field training will be held at the Brightmoor Community Center, Monday, June 6 – Friday June 17, 8:00AM to 5:00PM each day excluding weekends. The summer session runs June 21 – August 12, 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Prospective leaders should plan to serve every day and must discuss any vacation time (max 4 days) in advance. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Justin Schott, justin@youthenergysquad.org. Positions will be filled as soon as qualified applicants are selected; no applications will be accepted after May 31st. Questions about the position can be directed to Justin Schott at the email above or 313-459-8987.