

# Huron Pines AmeriCorps

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## Michigan DNR– Roscommon Huron Pines AmeriCorps Position Description

**POSITION TITLE:** Silviculture Research Assistant  
**PRIMARY SERVICE LOCATION:** Roscommon, Michigan  
**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Jason Hartman and Keith Kintigh, Forest Planning and Operations

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages the State Forest for many objectives including wildlife, timber and recreation while emphasizing the unique characteristics and values of the forest. In order to achieve these objectives, Forest Resources Division is investing in various research projects that inform management of these values.

In partnership with the Huron Pines AmeriCorps program, the DNR is offering an opportunity for a full time member to serve at the Roscommon Customer Service Center. The position will conduct resource inventories, implement special projects, and assist with research projects.

The successful applicant should have a strong natural resources background, knowledge of forestry and wildlife management, and be comfortable working collaboratively with people. The member should be able to prioritize and manage multiple projects simultaneously and have the ability to work independently. The member may be required to complete tasks alone in the field in a variety of adverse weather and terrain conditions. Preference will be given to candidates with excellent written and verbal communication skills and some hands on experience with geographic information systems and data analyses.

**SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF SERVICE:** The Silviculture Research Assistant will be involved in a diverse set of projects to improve natural resources management on the State Forest. Some experience organizing group discussions and conducting scientific surveys is preferred. Onsite training will also be provided. The member will be involved in developing new conservation programs at the statewide level. Service locations include the Roscommon Customer Service Center and the surrounding state forest lands, other public office sites, and a variety of field sites. Most travel will be day travel around the forest and strenuous physical activity will be required.

### **POSITION DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Lead a free to grow red pine project started by previous Americorp members. Organize a Request for Proposal to contractors for implementing the treatment portion of the project (timber stand improvement)
- Begin structuring an annual survival rate monitoring protocol for containerized seedlings
- Collaborate on site selection and implementation of research treatments related to jack pine density and Kirtland's warbler habitat

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- Collaborate on the collection of data, treatments, signage, and maintenance of deer exclosures for a statewide northern hardwood research project.
- Lead annual cone collection projects at the Tree Improvement Center in Brighton, MI.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Prepare and submit 2-week schedules, timesheets and mileage reimbursement forms
- Conduct at least 2 presentations to community groups about Huron Pines AmeriCorps
- Engage at least 30 volunteers in conservation activities
- Submit 4 “Great Stories”
- Provide regular project updates and photos for the website
- Represent yourself as a Huron Pines AmeriCorps member at all times
- Attend required trainings provided by the AmeriCorps Coordinator

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Bachelor’s Degree
- ✓ Computer efficiency (typing, email, word processing, excel)
- ✓ Ability to pass a background check\*
- ✓ U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien
- ✓ Commitment to conserving the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan

On occasion, service will be required at an off-site location. Use of a personal vehicle may be required to perform duties (mileage will be reimbursed). This is a 40 hour per week position and runs from January 14-November 15, 2019. Benefits include \$13,732 living stipend, health insurance, \$6,095 education award and student loan deferment.

Applications and directions are available at [www.huronpines.org/amicorps](http://www.huronpines.org/amicorps) and will be accepted until September 28, 2018.

**Reasonable accommodations:** If you need to make a request for a reasonable accommodation, due to a disability, such as obtain materials in a format that works for you or to fully participate in the application process, please contact Sarah Topp, AmeriCorps Coordinator at (989) 448-2293 x30 or [sarah@huronpines.org](mailto:sarah@huronpines.org).

\*Registered sex offenders are not eligible for AmeriCorps positions.

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