



**IT WAS
A GOOD IDEA
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**IT'S A
GOOD IDEA
TODAY.**

**ARIZONA
CONSERVATION
CORPS –
PROTECTING
OUR MOST
PRECIOUS
RESOURCES.**

"I propose to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple work, not interfering with normal employment, and confining itself to forestry, the prevention of soil erosion, flood control, and similar projects.

More important, however, than the material gains, will be the moral and spiritual value of such work..."

– Franklin Delano Roosevelt
March 21, 1933

In the brief nine years of its existence, the Civilian Conservation Corps established by President Roosevelt erected 3,400 fire lookout towers, restored nearly 4,000 historic structures, built hundreds of dams and planted an incredible 2 billion trees.

But more important, it took 3 million young Americans off the streets and gave them the hope, as well as the skills, to go confidently into the future.

This is the same basic idea behind the Arizona Conservation Corps. Using important conservation and community service projects as the focus, the ACC has been created to provide year-round employment for our unemployed young people, aid in their education and personal development, and, in the process, enhance our natural areas and our communities.



**OPEN TO ANY
UNEMPLOYED
ARIZONAN
18 TO 25 WHO
CAN HANDLE
THE WORK.**

The opportunity to enroll in the ACC is open to anyone who is between 18 and 25 years old, has been an Arizona resident for at least six months and whose health or well-being would not be threatened by physical labor.

For their work, most corpsmembers earn the minimum wage. Plus, when they complete their programs, corpsmembers get a voucher that can be applied toward tuition at any university in the State. Or they can elect to receive a \$500 cash incentive.

In-school students may also be eligible to enroll in authorized ACC programs.

In addition to specific skills, corpsmembers learn discipline, cooperation, environmental awareness and other social values like citizenship and community pride, qualities essential for becoming productive and responsible young adults. They also may receive help in finding support programs that can further add to their education and personal development.

Most ACC work crews consist of a work supervisor and seven to ten corpsmembers, hired from a pool of candidates who live near the project. Most corpsmembers do not move away from their families or live in barracks.

A few corpsmembers may also be placed individually with a sponsoring conservation/community service organization and be given one-on-one supervision and training.

**FROM PUTTING
OUT FOREST
FIRES TO
SPRUCING UP
URBAN SPACES.**

Working in cooperation with governmental and private groups, the ACC carries out a wide variety of conservation and community service projects.

For example, corpsmembers may be trained to assist in fire and flood control and to provide other aid essential during emergency situations. They also acquire construction, maintenance and service skills while assisting with community projects situated in both natural and urban areas.

Projects may involve trail building, re-vegetation, assisting in construction of campgrounds and parks, creation of catch basins and wildlife water tanks, or the installation of public wheelchair ramps.

In addition, corpsmembers take part in the maintenance of urban parks, museums and other needed public and non-profit community service projects.

Participation in each project is designed to enhance a corpsmember's understanding and appreciation for his or her community and to provide a feeling of ownership in the future of Arizona.

To assure that its projects and policies serve the best interests of the community, the ACC is directed by a commission made up of nine citizen/members, appointed by the Governor.



**THEN AND NOW,
A SMART WAY
TO MAKE SURE
THAT ARIZONA
WORKS.**

While not nearly as grim as in 1933, unemployment remains a serious problem in Arizona, especially among our young people.

But now, through the Arizona Conservation Corps, we have a cost-effective means to develop this precious human resource, and, at the same time, protect our environment.

Administrative support for ACC is provided by Arizona State Parks, with general funding from a variety of federal, state and private sources.

In some cases, individuals and crews are sponsored by corporate donors. These donors also provide project materials and technical supervision, in addition to corpsmembers' salaries.

Local civic, religious and social organizations also lend their support in a variety of ways, including the donation of materials or funds for specific projects.

In addition, donors can elect to sponsor individual corpsmembers.

Join the effort to keep our state working. If you have a worthwhile project, want to sponsor a project or an individual, or simply want more information about the ACC, call us.

What was a good idea 60 years ago is still a good idea.

ARIZONA
CONSERVATION CORPS

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