



# *Pikes Peak Corps 2010*

## Environmental Education and Stewardship Program

June 7 – July 30, 2010

*Eight weeks outside. College credit. \$1,000 scholarship. Yeehaw!*

In the summer of 2010, the Rocky Mountain Field Institute will select 10 high school students to participate in its 8-week *Pikes Peak Corps* education program. Run in partnership with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, *Pikes Peak Corps* is designed to help develop the next generation of environmental leaders. The program introduces local high school students to a variety of environmental stewardship projects while providing an engaging curriculum of environmental science. Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn 4 credit hours in GES 101: Environmental Systems—Landforms from UCCS. This is a core class and transferable to any college in Colorado! Participants age 17 and older will also be eligible for a \$1,000 AmeriCorps education scholarship.

***Environmental Education:*** *Pikes Peak Corps* provides a unique educational opportunity for students to truly learn in a hands-on environment and earn college credit! As we complete several different trail and restoration projects, students will explore topics such as rocks and minerals, soils, weathering, stream dynamics, glaciers, and more! While much of the learning will take place at the project sites, we will also visit many of the amazing natural sites found in the area. Course requirements will be met through discussions, readings, and completing fun yet challenging field exercises and labs.

***Environmental Service:*** The 2010 corps will provide key support for a number of RMFI trail and restoration projects. Work sites will include trail building in the Garden of the Gods, restoring alpine areas on Pikes Peak, improving trout habitat along Fountain Creek in Manitou Springs, and completing a variety of trail and stream restoration projects in the South Platte River Watershed west of Woodland Park. Through the completion of these trail and restoration projects students will gain invaluable job skills. Students will become proficient in a variety of restoration and trail building skills including how to build check dams, retaining walls, water bars, rock steps, and risers, as well as innovative revegetation techniques.

***The Program:*** Participants will typically work 8 hours per day Monday thru Friday (weekends off), meeting at the RMFI office early each morning. There are 3 weeklong (4-night, 5-day) overnight sessions! See tentative dates below. RMFI will provide all group gear (kitchen, tents, and tools) and food for these overnight sessions.

***RMFI:*** Based in Colorado Springs, the Rocky Mountain Field Institute has been completing environmental service and education programs since 1989 in Southern Colorado and Utah. *Pikes Peak Corps* will be conducted under the watchful supervision of a highly skilled and qualified staff. Our safety record for environmental service in remote and challenging terrain is outstanding.

***2009 Program Dates:*** June 7 – July 30 (weekdays). The overnights are tentatively scheduled for June 28-July 2, July 5-9, and July 26-30.

***To Apply:*** High school students age 16 and above are invited to apply. Excellent physical condition is a must! Work site elevations vary from 6,000 to 12,500 ft. The work requires demanding physical labor and calls for students to exercise the highest level of commitment, perseverance, and teamwork. Check our website, [www.rmfi.org](http://www.rmfi.org), or contact our office for more detailed information and an application form.

***Application Deadline:*** April 16. Outstanding applicants will be awarded placement in advance of the deadline. Early applications are strongly encouraged. Final decisions will be announced by April 30.

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