

# GREEN TEAM YOUTH CORPS

## Conservation, Leadership and Job-Readiness Development

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The Green Team Youth Corps is a nationwide program of Groundwork USA and Groundwork Jacksonville's signature youth leadership, conservation, and job readiness program. The Groundwork Jacksonville Green Team Youth Corps program engages teens ages 13-18 to undertake various environmental, community, and conservation projects. We connect youth who live in Jacksonville's urban core with the environment through hands-on projects that develop leadership and communication skills, a work ethic, and love for the outdoors.

### Groundwork Jacksonville's Green Team Youth Corps Mission:

To educate, inspire, and provide skills to the new generation of environmentally engaged leaders of Jacksonville through a paid and service-based program focused on:

1. The connection between urban neighborhoods and the wild
2. STEAM Principle Learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)
3. Leadership Development
4. Environmental Empathy



### Green Team Summer Apprenticeship

Small cohorts of 10 - 20 youth apprentices between the ages of 13-18 are recruited each spring. Youth apprentices who live in or attend schools or places of worship within the neighborhoods of: Northshore, Brentwood, Norwood, Brooklyn, New Town, Durkeeville, Phoenix, Downtown, LaVilla, Sugar Hill, College Gardens, Eastside, North Riverside, Lackawanna, Mixon Town, Springfield, Fairfield, Panama Park, Pearl Court, Talleyrand, Robinson's Addition, and Long Branch or zip codes 32202, 32204, 32206, 32208, 32209, 32254 are eligible to apply. Qualifying applicants are interviewed and selected by the staff of Groundwork Jacksonville. Green Team Summer Apprenticeship begins in June and ends in August. All youth apprentices are paid a stipend.

Youth selected to participate in the Green Team Summer Apprenticeship will help to identify project locations, and design, construct, install, and maintain the projects such as bee and butterfly gardens, urban food gardens, bioswales, rain gardens, environmentally-infused art, and much more! Active living, community service, exposure to STEAM careers, and close-to-home access to outdoor recreation are also key elements of the summer apprenticeship. Youth leaders play, learn, serve and work at and in connection with Jacksonville's two National Park Service units (Fort Caroline National Memorial and Kingsley Plantation) to enhance access to the outdoors and provide increased outdoor recreation opportunities.

### Yellowstone National Park

Each summer, one or more Green Team apprentices are selected by Groundwork Jacksonville staff to travel to Yellowstone National Park, all expenses paid by Groundwork USA. Groundwork Jacksonville Green Team apprentices, along with about 25 other Green Team members from around the country, learn new skills while conducting work projects to help restore and protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources of our national parks. Activities include

removing exotic or invasive plants, habitat restoration, and constructing or repairing boardwalks, bridges, trails, campsites, fences.

## Continuing the Commitment

Graduates of the Green Team summer apprenticeship are encouraged to continue their commitment to service by staying involved during the school year in community service via various Groundwork Jacksonville hosted volunteer opportunities ranging from Hogans Creek cleanups, summer project planning sessions, speaking engagements and more.



## Community Service Fellowship

During the school year (September – May), teens between the ages of 13-18 and their families are invited to participate in the Green Team community service fellowship. Community service fellowship activities may include anything from monthly Hogans Creek litter cleanups to the maintenance of planting projects along the Emerald Necklace. This is a volunteer opportunity that is unpaid and open to any person who wants to participate. There is no need to apply - youth simply get their parents' permission to participate and signature on required waivers. The community service fellowship gives youth the opportunity to help their community as well as earn community service hours and meet new friends. Community Service Fellowship also increases the chance of being selected to be a Green Team Apprentice, if a participating youth decides to apply.

## Learn More

Learn more about the Green Team on [groundworkjacksonville.org](http://groundworkjacksonville.org), or check out our Green Team videos over the years by visiting YouTube and searching "Groundwork Jacksonville."

Applications will be available on our website and via email on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

### Information Sessions Schedule:

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 – Emmett Reed Community Center 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 17, 2019 – Edward Waters College Campus 1401 Grunthal St. 32209 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 24, 2019 – Hollybrook Apartment Community 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, February 7, 2019 – Kennedy Community Center 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Visit our website at [groundworkjacksonville.org](http://groundworkjacksonville.org) or email us at [groundworkjacksonville@gmail.com](mailto:groundworkjacksonville@gmail.com) for more on Info Session locations.