



Education Program

The goal of Conservation Corps North Bay's Education Program is to provide all corpsmembers with appropriate and meaningful education, which increases their options and opportunities for successful jobs and careers. As part of corpsmember education, CCNB teaches and encourages civic consciousness, personal responsibility, and a strong work ethic.

Each corpsmember has his or her individual achievement plan, and CCNB works with the youth in our Education Program either toward the completion of a high school diploma or to lead into technical skills training or college level courses. For English Language Learners there are classes in English as a Second Language to help them on the path to language proficiency and to open the door to further educational possibilities.

CCNB is able to provide professional high school courses and a diploma program through its affiliation with the John Muir Charter School – an accredited high school for adults (18–25). All classes are taught by John Muir Charter School credentialed teachers and are aligned with California state standards. Classes include English, Health, Physical Education, Computer Literacy, Life Skills, World Studies, United States History, Economics, Civics, Applied Math, Life Science, and Physical Science. The content of some of these courses is delivered in the field to take advantage of the places and projects that the corpsmembers are working. By using the workplace as a dynamic classroom, teachers are able to provide added motivation to the work by showing its importance to the environment and added relevance to the lessons by attaching them to real life experience.

Program Objectives:

- To provide education that prepares corpsmembers for success in the professional world
- To develop positive and productive habits, attitudes and behaviors
- To enrich corpsmembers skills sets
- To assist corpsmembers in realizing their career and leadership potential
- To develop corpsmembers into responsible, reliable and hard-working employees

CCNB provides a channel for young people to provide service to the community while gaining education, job skills, and a sense of self-respect, This success at linking stewardship of our environment with employment preparation for local has been recognized nationally.

With unemployment, youth homicide, and violent crimes on the rise, it is more vital than ever to provide a chance for young people to develop life skills. For young adults without a high school diploma or a firm grasp of English, searching for meaningful employment can become a frustrating process. CCNB provides the opportunity for educational attainment that young people need to survive in today's economy while helping them to acquire and develop the skills necessary to prosper.

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