

*2009-2010 AmeriCorps Position Description  
For the SW Commons Service Corps*

POSITIONS OPEN FOR FALL -- The South Whidbey AmeriCorps team is recruiting 4 members for our September 1, 2009– July 15, 2010 term.

**Build community on beautiful Whidbey Island! As a full-time AmeriCorps member serving with the South Whidbey Commons it will afford you opportunities in small business management, youth development, marketing, gardening, community theatre and marine based environmental education.**

**Organization information:**

The South Whidbey Commons (SWC) is non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the South Whidbey community by creating opportunities to gather, learn and grow. The SWC is committed to building community and creating connections by offering gathering places and opportunities for all the people of South Whidbey to come together through a variety of programs.

Each AmeriCorps member will have a vital role in the operations of the SW Commons flagship program, **Island Coffeehouse & Books** ([www.islandcoffeehouseandbooks.com](http://www.islandcoffeehouseandbooks.com)), a youth-driven, volunteer-run coffeehouse. ICH&B offers youth an opportunity to learn outstanding barista and job readiness skills, and engage in their community constructively and creatively. With a dedicated team of volunteer advisors, community volunteers, and partnerships with school district programs, ICH&B is thriving as a youth-serving non-profit business that benefits the community.

In addition, each member will work with one of four community partners:

- **Good Cheer Food Bank & Thrift Stores** ([www.goodcheer.org](http://www.goodcheer.org)): Good Cheer is committed to creating a hunger-free community on Whidbey Island. This team member will support the food bank and also the on-site organic garden.
- **City of Langley** (<http://www.langleywa.org>): This team member, the Citizen Involvement Coordinator, will support a number of city programs including the Langley Garden project and other civic and community engagement and education efforts.
- **Whidbey Island Center for the Arts** ([www.wicaonline.com](http://www.wicaonline.com)): This team member will support WICA's education and marketing departments and also assist with concerts and theatre productions in a variety of capacities.
- **Service Education Adventure** ([www.serviceeducationadventure.org](http://www.serviceeducationadventure.org)): This team member will support the marine environmental education program, including boat building and marine based expeditions.

*(Please indicate your preference of community partner programs in your application.)*

### **Position details:**

Your home base will be Island Coffeehouse and Books. After learning the art and craft of espresso (can we say latte art?!) you will be given a set of weekly tasks at the coffeehouse that best fit you and your strengths, including:

- scheduling, recruiting and training volunteers for ICH&B
- developing, sustaining and supervising afterschool programming for teens
- facilitating forums for youth voice on South Whidbey
- scheduling and publicizing events (using your mad Adobe Photoshop skills!)
- creating and maintaining our business relationships within the community

You'll dedicate 20 hours per week toward your coffeehouse duties. The other time is spent with one of our four community partners. Site specific initiatives include: combating hunger, growing organic vegetables, chaperoning marine education expeditions, helping produce and market local performances or helping engage citizens in positive neighborhood connections. We are looking for a team of dedicated superheroes always at the ready (a.k.a. this gig has variable evening and weekend hours).

The bottom line? We want to best use your talents, passions and gifts to make our community a better place!

### **Position Terms, Benefits and Qualifications:**

This is a 40 hours a week AmeriCorps STATE volunteer position through the [Washington State Service Corps](#). At the end of the 10.5 month term of service, the participant is awarded a \$4700 educational scholarship. In addition, AmeriCorps members are awarded basic health insurance and a \$1000/per month living stipend- may be eligible for food stamps/child care.

Find out more about AmeriCorps at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

- Must be between 18-25 years old
- GED/High School diploma (Prefer Bachelors or A.A. degree –Site specific needs include emphasis in theatre, communications, business and environmental education.)
- Available for the term September 1, 2009- July 15, 2010
- Open Mind and Sense of Humor =)

### **To Apply:**

- Complete online application. Go to <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/publicRequestSearch.do> and search program by entering South Whidbey Commons
- After you submit the online application for the position(s) you are interested in, you will receive written interview questions. Return them and your resume via email.
- Phone screening

- In person interview
- Reference and background check

For questions or for more information about the positions please contact SWC Program Director Gena Kraha- 360-221-0127 or [programs@swcommons.com](mailto:programs@swcommons.com)