



What to Do: AmeriCorps Week March 10-16, 2019

What is AmeriCorps Week?

AmeriCorps Week is a time to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service, and communicate AmeriCorps' impact on communities and on the lives of those who serve. It's a time for outreach and to share with your community all the great things that AmeriCorps members do. All AmeriCorps members throughout the country will be participating in this week of recognition and education.

What do I do as an AmeriCorps member?

It's simple, just spread the word:

We have created this toolkit to help you share and educate our communities about AmeriCorps. It contains an informational poster, a sign-up sheet for tabling events, application cards to hand out, and a PowerPoint presentation.

We ask that, at a minimum, you make a copy of the poster and then make an appointment with a community member or organization that could help recruit or host AmeriCorps members and speak to them about all the great things that you, as an AmeriCorps member, are doing in your community. For example, you can make an appointment with a high school or college counselor, a volunteer coordinator or representative of a non-profit, government organization or faith-based organization; the manager of a community health care clinic or community assistance program, coordinators of youth groups, etc. We're telling you early, so you have plenty of time to make an appointment around AmeriCorps Week. Our toolkit should have everything you need. Just **wear your AmeriCorps gear**, bring a copy of the poster, and show up to your appointment to chat.

If you want to go the extra mile, in addition to the above you can also:

- Make more copies of the poster and put them around town at libraries, post offices, community centers, churches, etc.
- Table during lunch time at a local high school/college and spread the word about AmeriCorps opportunities while you hand out copies of the posters or application cards to interested parties.
- Give a presentation to a classroom, school board, nonprofit - any group you think would be interested in AmeriCorps. You can use the PowerPoint in the toolkit and add slides about your experience or MLK Day project. Please note that the PowerPoint has a link to a video so you will need to be connected to the internet to show it. Make sure you get the WIFI password in advance if there is one.
- Give a presentation to your site's staff members, who might not be aware of what our program does, and how your service is helping the community.

Also, don't forget to put your time for AmeriCorps Week outreach on your timesheet as service hours. 😊

Thank you for participating in AmeriCorps Week!

We appreciate all that you do! Please contact your WSC Program Coordinator if you have any questions, or to tell us how your outreach goes in March. We'd love to hear how it went!