Green Mountain Club Seasonal Intern Position Description

Position Title: Caretaker or Patrol Intern

Direct Supervisor: Dave Hardy (Director of Trail Programs).

Length of this agreement: June to October. End date negotiable.

Weekly Stipend: \$120

These are untenured seasonal positions with a defined end date. An Americorps EAP award may be available. Internships allow enthusiastic but less experienced individuals to further develop the skills needed to excel in the summer outdoor work environment and gain future employment in the field. Frequently interns gain fully paid seasonal positions later in the same field season or are hired the next year by Green Mountain Club. We strive to give them experience with both caretaker and trail crew programs. In the past, interns have ultimately achieved team leader positions at GMC.

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- The Caretaker maintains their cabin(s) and their immediate surroundings in good condition, performs routine trail maintenance on trails designated beforehand, maintains backcountry campsites and composts sewage, as required. By personal example and conversation the Caretaker courteously educates the hiking public about Leave No Trace™ Outdoor Ethics and effective impact reduction on the trail, at campsites and in the alpine zone as assigned. **The Caretaker keeps accurate records of summit and site visitation.**
- Green Mountain Club caretakers annually accumulate 136 miles of trail maintenance and protect over 177 acres of public land through alpine zone management, composting of sewage at the height of important local watersheds, and active subalpine pond management and visitor education.
- The Caretaker is an effective public relations representative for The Green Mountain Club and other cooperating agencies as appropriate.
- Patrol members are responsible for performing a variety of construction and maintenance tasks as enumerated below:

1. Trail blazing

2. Trail brushing

3. Blowdown removal

4. Construction of erosion control devices

5. Trail treadway rehabilitation

6. Trail construction

7. Bridge construction

8. Routine shelter maintenance

9. Shelter repair & construction

10. Outhouse repair & construction

11. Sign making & installation

12. Safety

Individual crews will normally concentrate on several of the above items. Each Patrol member receives daily service assignments from the Trail Crew Leader.

- Patrol members are expected to become proficient with the various tools utilized by the Long Trail Patrol.
- Interns are responsible for sharing all North Barn, Danby camp and Back Forty chores with all field staff.
- Compliance with Seasonal Personnel Policy
- Americorps members eligible for EAP award will complete timesheets for each 2-week pay period that shall include a half hour lunch break each work day exceeding 4 hours in length. The ½ hour lunch does not count toward your total Americorps hours.
- Other tasks as assigned by the Director of Trail Programs not in conflict with National Service requirements including Prohibited Activities per your Member Service Agreement.

Prohibited Activities: Staff fulfilling a term of service for an Americorps EAP award will adhere to the Service Agreement and will not engage in any of the activities detailed in Clause VI of the Member Service Agreement.