



Frequently Asked Questions

Serve with a Friend - Traditional Corps Summer 2024

- **How many friends can I identify as those I would like to serve with?**
 - While you can encourage as many of your friends to join you in this amazing service opportunity as possible, just one friend can be identified as part of our Serve with a Friend program.
- **Will NCCC guarantee I can be on the same team with my friend?**
 - Requests to serve with a friend will be given full and due consideration when constructing teams. To the extent possible within NCCC program requirements, NCCC will place friends on the same team. However, we cannot guarantee friends will be assigned to the same team, nor can we guarantee friends assigned to the same team will remain as teammates for the duration of their Traditional Corps commitment.
- **What are examples of “program requirements” which might cause NCCC not to place me on the same team with my friend or keep us together on the same team?**

- For safety reasons, NCCC requires each team have a certain number of trained and certified drivers.
 - If you and your friend are both drivers and the Traditional Corps program is experiencing a shortage of drivers, it is possible you could be asked to move to another team to ensure sufficient drivers.
 - NCCC teams are sometimes called on to respond to natural disasters. Disaster response teams can be constructed by taking 1-2 members from existing teams. There could be a scenario in which you or your friend are called on to join a disaster response effort and the other is not.
 - AmeriCorps NCCC provides reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with federal law. Not every NCCC service projects may be suitable to our commitment to supporting a member's approved accommodation and successful service experience.
- **Is Serve with a Friend possible for both Corps Member and Team Leader positions?**
 - No, given the scope of Team Leader responsibilities, Serve with a Friend only applies to individuals serving together as Corps Members.
 - **Do we apply to NCCC together, as a pair of friends, or do each of us apply independently?**
 - Both you and your friend must complete the application process independently and be invited to serve based on your own qualifications. Eligibility requirements for AmeriCorps NCCC Traditional Corps program can be found at americorps.gov/nccc.
 - **How will I let NCCC know about the friend(s) I want to serve with?**
 - As you apply to join the Summer 2024 Traditional Corps program, you can email ANCCC@AmeriCorps.gov to identify the friend you wish to serve with.
 - **Should my friend email ANCCC@AmeriCorps.gov as well, or is one of us doing so enough?**

- To ensure consent, each of you must request the other for NCCC staff to attempt to honor the request. If you name your friend but your friend does not name you, or vice versa, we will not attempt to place you and your friend on the same team.
- **Will my friend and I be roommates while on campus?**
 - The 2024 Traditional Corps program will be run out of the Southern Region campus in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The campus uses co-ed dormitories with two to four people living in each room, with each room divided by gender. When possible, the Region will work to place you in the same room with your friend.
- **Will my friend and I be roommates while on our project?**
 - Lodging for NCCC teams is provided by the sponsoring organization NCCC serves. NCCC does not control the lodging a sponsor identifies, beyond providing requirements for team safety precautions, including COVID safety. However, in most cases, lodging arrangements require roommates. When possible, the Region will work to place you in the same room with your friend.
- **Will my friend and I work alongside each other on our project?**
 - Not necessarily. While NCCC teams work on a single project together, that project can sometimes involve multiple work locations. For example, if your team is working on a climate change mitigation project, such as weatherization of homes, it is possible you could be working on one home while your friend is working on a different one.
- **Will NCCC offer the opportunity to serve with a friend to members in FEMA Corps programs or other Traditional Corps programs, or is this opportunity limited to Summer of Service?**
 - We are currently offering the Serve with a Friend option to Summer of Service 2024 as well as our Summer 2024 Traditional Corps program.

- We are using the Summer Corps to test this approach and see if it allows more Americans an opportunity to serve their nation through NCCC. If we see the results are positive, we are committed to learning from the experience and how it might impact service in other Traditional Corps, FEMA Corps, and Forest Corps programs in the future.

- **Who can I contact if I would like more information about Traditional Corps Summer Program?**

- Before and during the application process, please contact: ANCCC@AmeriCorps.gov.
- Once you have accepted the invitation to join the Traditional Corps program, please reach out to your assigned campus:
 - Southern Region - ncccsouthern@AmeriCorps.gov