



BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS PROGRAM STAFF

Karlson Lewis Hubbard – Program Director

Karlson Hubbard got his first introduction to the CCC in 1998 as an AmeriCorps V.I.S.T.A. with the San Diego CCC Center. In 2000, he was a member on the Klamath/Trinity Backcountry Crew. It was during this backcountry season he began to sharpen his love for trails and for community like a double-bit axe before a 20 mile log out run. Soon after Karlson continued to work trails and work with the CCC/AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails Program as a sponsor for three years, representing the Weaverville Ranger District of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. In 2003 Karlson left the mainland, figuratively and literally, and went to islands of Samoa to build trails. Finally, in 2005 Karlson tried what would later turn out to be the first of ultimately five tries to have the perfect backcountry trails season. Karlson spent the 2005, 2006, and 2008 BC seasons in the Trinity Alps, and the 2007 in the Klamath National Forest, and lastly the 2009 season in Yosemite NP. In 2010 and 2011, Karlson served as the Relief Supervisor/Program Recruiter before becoming the new Program Director in 2012.

Adam Zamastil – Program Coordinator

Born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Adam's desire to get out of the city and into the wilderness began as a youngster. This eventually drove him to the southern shore of Lake Superior and to Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin where he graduated with a degree in Education. After a short stint teaching in the local high school and needing to feed the burning desire for adventure, Adam packed his bags and joined the Backcountry Trails Program and embarked upon a journey that would last over a decade living and building trails in the Sierra Nevada wilderness of Kings Canyon National Park. After several attempts to walk away from the trails world, in 2014 he left the National Park Service and returned to the CCC, first as a Backcountry Trails Supervisor, then working at the Ukiah CCC Center and now continues to serve as the Backcountry Trails Program Coordinator.

Erin Degenstein – AmeriCorps Coordinator

Erin earned a B.A.S. from The Evergreen State College where she focused on environmental studies, botany and art. Inspired by the strange and intricate natural world, she served in three different corps programs: the Washington Conservation Corps, CCC Watershed Stewards Program, and California Conservation Corps. She was privileged to be on the CCC 2007 Kings Canyon Backcountry Trails crew under the leadership of Kiva Vigil. She fell in love with the Sierra Nevada, and worked 4 seasons in Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, leading invasive plant crews. She has worked trails for CA State Parks and led a Student Conservation Association trail crew in Olympic National Park, and has served 11 years as a Marine Science Technician with US Coast Guard Reserve. Erin left the mountains to go back to school, earning an M.S. in Natural Resources, as well as certificates in GIS and Faculty Preparation from Humboldt State University. She has spent the last few years tutoring and teaching at HSU and working as evening staff at the CCC Fortuna Center. Erin looks forward to using her skills and experience to continue to support young adults in the rewarding work of national service and environmental stewardship.