



# MONTEREY BAY CENTER

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## ABOUT THE CENTER

The CCC Monterey Bay Center is located in Watsonville near the airport and Highway 101. Each work day as many as 45 Corpsmembers commute to the non-residential center. Three crews work ten-hour days Monday through Thursday. Corpsmembers may also camp near project sites for up to eight straight days, called “spikes.”

The center is part of the CCC Monterey District and conducts project work in parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, throughout Monterey Bay, the Silicon Valley, and Santa Cruz Mountains. The center has a long history of habitat restoration in local estuaries, wetlands, and coastal areas.

## WORK & TRAINING



**Wildland Firefighting:** The Monterey Bay Center partners with CAL FIRE to operate a year-round firefighting hand crew in Santa Cruz County. Corpsmembers cut fire line, lay hose, and mop up wildland fires. The crew works directly on active fire lines and often hikes miles into remote areas to combat wildfires. Training is provided by CCC and CAL FIRE. Certifications include: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, S-110, L-180, S-190, S-130, and additional certifications may also be available.



**Forestry / Fuel Reduction:** Corpsmembers help reduce the risk of wildfire by removing hazardous fire fuels, such as overgrown brush and invasive species. Crews work in rural environments as well as near urban landscapes to complete this work. Monterey Bay partners include CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and local conservation districts. Training is often project specific, but includes the use of chain saws, pole saws, loppers, wood chippers, and other tools.



**Riparian & Watershed Restoration:** Corpsmember work may include instream habitat improvement, stream-bank stabilization, and native riparian planting. Project partners may include California Dept. Of Fish & Wildlife, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, and local non-profits and agencies. Training is project specific.

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**Emergency Response:** Corpsmembers respond to emergencies across California for wildfire camp support, floods, food bank support, and vaccination centers. Corpsmembers may be required to work extended hours on these assignments. Extended hours means Corpsmembers can work up to 16 hours in a day, earning excess pay. Emergency assignments away from center can last up to 21 days in a row.



**Public Service Conservation Work:** Corpsmembers assist state and local agencies, as well as non-profit organizations, implement projects that have significant public benefits and uses. Work can include bridge construction, dog park construction, park and median landscaping, minor construction, and finishing work. Training is often unique to each project. Local partners include fire service agencies and non-profit groups.



Additional training and project work may also include **Flood Fighting**, **Trail Building & Maintenance**, and **Invasive Species Removal**. For a full list of projects, available training opportunities, and certifications, visit the [Monterey District web page](#).

## EDUCATION



**High School:** The Monterey Bay Center offers Corpsmembers the opportunity to earn their high school diploma through a partnership with [John Muir Charter School](#). Corpsmembers without a diploma must work to earn one while enrolled.

**Community College:** Opportunities may also be available for Corpsmembers to further their education and earn additional certifications.



**Core Training:** All Corpsmembers participate in CCC's Corpsmember Development Program. These courses include resume building, job searching, and interview training and typically require three hours of educational activities per week.

## POST-CCC

The Monterey Bay Center partners with the Fresno Center to provide a dedicated "Navigator" to work with Corpsmembers to plan their post-CCC careers, including assisting with job applications, career planning and college admissions. Corpsmembers go on to careers in State Parks, Caltrans, and more!

