



SAN DIEGO CENTER

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ABOUT THE CENTER

The CCC San Diego Center is located in National City, near the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 54. Corpsmembers have worked on natural resource projects in San Diego County for more than four decades.

The center enrolls as many as 95 non-residential Corpsmembers who commute to the center each day for work. Corpsmembers typically work ten-hour days, Monday through Thursday.

Corpsmembers regularly deploy to state and national emergencies as firefighters and as base camp support.

WORK & TRAINING



Wildland Firefighting: The San Diego Center operates a year-round wildland firefighting hand crews partnered with CAL FIRE San Diego. 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 in San Diego County and across the state.

Training is provided by CCC and CAL FIRE staff. 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 and urban landscapes to complete this work using a variety of hand tools, chain saws, and wood chippers. San Diego Center partners include CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service, San Diego County Parks, local conservation agencies and cities.



Public Service Conservation Work: Corpsmembers assist state and local agencies, as well as non-profits, implement projects that have significant public benefits and uses. Work can include park and median landscaping, and vegetation management. Training offered 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. San Diego Corpsmembers have also responded to national emergencies, including hurricane recovery assignments in Florida. 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.



Trail Construction & Maintenance: Corpsmembers construct and maintain trails for State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, local conservancies, governments and other non-profits. Project work may include clearing brush from along hiking trails, rebuilding trail tread and installing rip-rap to reduce erosion. Training varies and is project specific.



Additional training and project work may include **Riparian & Watershed Restoration**, **Flood Fighting**, and **Invasive Species Removal**. For a full list of projects, available training opportunities, and certifications, visit the [San Diego Center web page](#).

EDUCATION



High School: The San Diego Center offers Corpsmembers the opportunity to earn their high school diploma through a partnership with [Urban Corps 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 career development, conservation awareness, CPR, and driver's training. Courses typically require three hours of educational activities per week.

POST-CCC

The San Diego Center has a dedicated "Navigator" who works with Corpsmembers to plan their post-CCC careers, including assisting with job applications, career planning and college admissions. Corpsmembers regularly go on to careers with CAL FIRE, State Parks, Caltrans, U.S. Forest Service, and more!

