

SOLANO CENTER

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ABOUT THE CENTER

Located in Fairfield, the CCC Solano Center is focused on forest health projects across the North Bay, East Bay, Marin and Sonoma county coasts, and in the northwestern Sacramento Valley. The center is located on the grounds of Fairfield Suisun Sewer District in the heart of Solano County. The center is part of the CCC Ukiah District.

The non-residential center enrolls as many as 45 Corpsmembers who commute to center each day to perform valuable natural resource work in their communities and respond to emergencies throughout the state. Corpsmembers typically work eight hour shifts Monday through Friday.

WORK & TRAINING



Forestry Corps: Corpsmembers help reduce the risk of wildfire by removing hazardous fire fuels, plant trees and seedlings, collect cones and seeds, fell hazard and dying trees, receive arborist training and certifications. Solano Center partners include CAL FIRE, State Parks, East Bay Regional Parks, local conservation districts and cities.



<u>Public Service Conservation Work:</u> 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 varies and is unique to each project.



Flood Fighting: All Corpsmembers are trained in to respond to local and statewide flood emergencies. Flood fighting techniques include how to properly fill and stack sand bags, utilize muscle walls and visqueen, reinforce levees, stabilize hillsides, and debris removal. Given the center's location, Corpsmembers are often called to assist with localized flooding in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and other nearby waterways.

WORK & TRAINING



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.



Invasive Species Removal: Corpsmembers learn how to remove invasive species using chain saws, brush cutters, herbicides and in some cases, burning and replacing them with California species. Project partners include Caltrans, State Parks, CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service, local non-profits and conservation districts, and others.



Additional training and project work may include **Riparian & Watershed Restoration**, **Fuel Reduction**, and **Trail Building & Maintenance**. For a full list of projects, available training opportunities, and certifications, visit the **Solano Center web page**.

EDUCATION



High School: The Solano Center offers Corpsmembers the opportunity to earn their high school diploma through a partnership with <u>John Muir Charter School</u>. 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 Ukiah District 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 go on to careers in the fire service, State Parks, Caltrans, U.S. Forest Service, and more!



