



UKIAH CENTER

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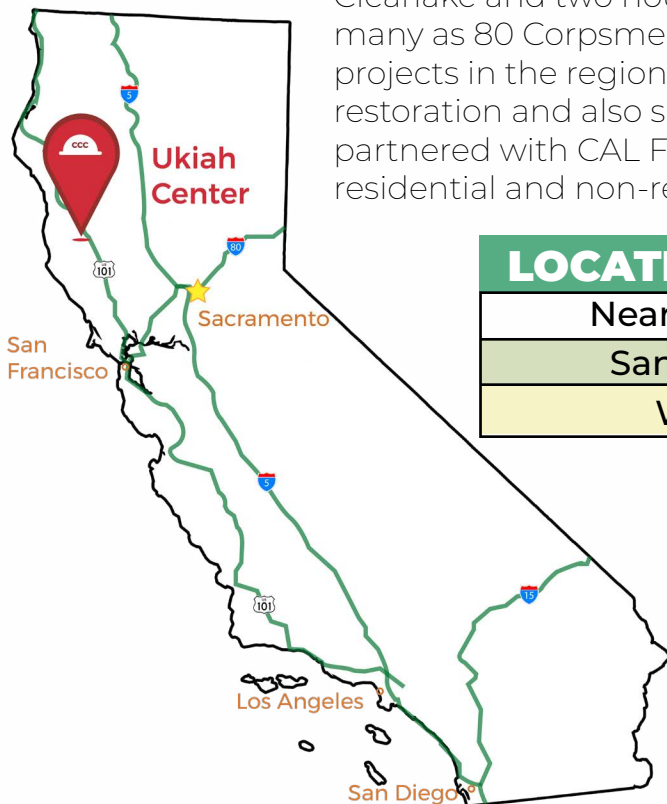
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ABOUT UKIAH CENTER

The Ukiah Center is located in Mendocino County, just west of Clearlake and two hours north of San Francisco. The center houses as many as 80 Corpsmembers, who work on a variety of natural resource projects in the region. The center focuses on salmon habitat restoration and also supports a wildland firefighting hand crew partnered with CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit. The center is home to both residential and non-residential Corpsmembers.



LOCATION: UKIAH

| Nearby Cities | Population | Distance |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Santa Rosa | 175,269 | 60 miles |
| Willits | 4,875 | 25 miles |

WEATHER

| Average (°F) | Winter | Spring |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Low | 37° | 44° |
| High | 59° | 71° |
| Average Rain 34 inches annually | Summer | Fall |
| | 54° | 45° |
| | 91° | 78° |

ABOUT THE CENTER

The Ukiah Center is located in the beautiful Ukiah Valley, close to both the northern California coast, towering redwood trees, and the vast Mendocino National Forest. Ukiah is a word from the Pomoan language, used by the Pomo an indigenous tribe in California. Ukiah derives from the word “yokaya” meaning “south valley.” From the small town location, Corpsmembers have phenomenal opportunities for outdoor recreation, and are still only a two-hour drive from San Francisco.



CENTER HISTORY

The Ukiah Center opened at its current site in February 1988. It is located on 6.7 acres on the east side of the Ukiah Valley at the base of the Mayacama Mountain range. The facility was originally designed and used as the dairy farm for the Mendocino State Hospital. Ukiah crews work on projects in coastal and inland areas, from Northern Mendocino County and Lake County to Marin County.

The CCC plans to move the Ukiah Center about 25 miles to the north on Highway 101 in Willits. Construction began in 2022 and is tentatively expected to be completed in 2024. The new Willits Center, as it will be called, will house Corpsmembers in brand new dormitory buildings. Other amenities will include a gymnasium, kitchen, administration building, and facilities for wildland fire crews and equipment.

FACILITY

STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

The Ukiah Center is composed of 28 buildings on approximately 6.7 acres. In addition to the cabins where Corpsmembers sleep, it has a large community dining room, modern kitchen, two classrooms, a computer lab, a TV room, a recreation room, a basketball court, softball field, and community garden.

DORMS

Residential Corpsmembers live in three-four person cabins with internal divider walls. here are 21 cabins arranged along a boardwalk that leads to a men's and women's restroom and shower facility.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are located on site. However, Corpsmembers must provide their own detergent and laundry supplies.

SHOWERS

Individual shower stalls in the restroom/shower buildings are separated by gender.

MEALS

Corpsmembers make their packed lunches at breakfast on work days.

- Work days: Breakfast between 5:45 and 6:20 a.m. and dinner between 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- Non-work days: Brunch at 10:00 a.m. and dinner at 4:00 p.m.
- Dietary restrictions or other considerations will be accommodated

FITNESS/NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Ukiah has a gym on site for Corpsmember use. The center also features a walking path around the facility and a basketball court.

CORPSMEMBER PARKING

Corpsmembers have plenty of room to park personal vehicles at the center site. In order to park on-site, Corpsmembers must call ahead to center, provide registration, proof of insurance and a valid driver license.



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PROMOTIONS & LEADERSHIP

All Corpsmembers have the opportunity to promote within the CCC to positions of leadership, including as specialists and crew leaders.



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Corpsmembers can also be elected and serve on the center's Corpsmember Advisory Board (CAB), which runs the Corpsmember snack store, organizes off-center trips, and on-campus activities.

WORK & TRAINING

Corpsmembers can work a variety of shifts, including eight and ten-hour shifts. The center operates five crews of 12 to 15 Corpsmembers per crew.

Corpsmembers may camp near work sites, called spikes, for up to eight days straight, usually Wednesday to Wednesday.



Wildland Firefighting: The Ukiah Center partners with CAL FIRE to operate a year-round firefighting hand crew. Corpsmembers cut fire line, lay fire hose, and mop up wildland fires. The crew can be dispatched to both local and statewide incidents. During the off-season Corpsmembers work on other crews and projects.

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.



Riparian & Watershed Restoration: Corpsmember work includes instream habitat improvement, invasive species removal, stream-bank stabilization, bio-engineering, fish passage barrier removal/modification, native riparian planting, and other restoration work.

Salmon Restoration Projects focus on streams and watersheds that have the greatest ability to increase threatened and endangered salmonid populations over the long term. Project partners include U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Dept. Of Water Resources, California Dept. Of Fish & Wildlife, and local non-profits and agencies.



Trail Construction & Maintenance: Corpsmembers construct and maintain park trails and build or restore park campgrounds. Project work may also include constructing bridges, boardwalks, ADA compliant trails, emergency trail reroutes, and dry masonry. Project partners include State Parks, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Ukiah Valley Trail Group, and U.S. Forest Service. Trainings vary by project.

WORK & TRAINING



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. Ukiah partners include CAL FIRE, Caltrans, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management.



Key Training: Many Ukiah projects require the use of chain saws and safe operation is imperative. Corpsmembers who consistently display high work-ethic standards and positive community involvement are selected to receive this training. Chain saw training is conducted by trained, qualified, staff.



Flood Fighting: All Corpsmembers are trained 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.



Additional programs, training and project work may include [NOAA Veterans Fisheries](#), [Public Service Conservation Work](#), and [Invasive Species Removal](#). For a full list of projects, available training opportunities, and certifications, visit the [Ukiah Center web page](#).



EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Emergency Response is a major part of the CCC's mission. Corpsmembers respond to emergencies across California for wildfire camp support, floods, oil spills, earthquakes, food bank support, vaccination centers, pest eradication, snow removal, and erosion control. 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

CULINARY



The CCC Culinary program provides Corpsmembers with a pathway to careers with commercial kitchens, catering companies, resorts, restaurants, and government agencies. Corpsmembers work with culinary staff to prepare and provide meals to all residential Corpsmembers.

Corpsmembers learn food preparation, tool usage, sanitation and safety, food storage, food preparation, and other skills. Certifications available include ServSafe Food Handler and Food Manager.



WORK HOURS

Culinary Corpsmembers work split shifts:
4:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each work day.

EDUCATION



High School: The Ukiah 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 at local community colleges.



Core Training: All Corpsmembers participate in CCC's Corpsmember Development Program. Courses include resume building, job searching and interview training.

Computer Lab: Computers are available for educational research, resume building and job searching. There are 12 computers available for Corpsmember use in the computer lab. Wi-Fi is also available.

PERSONAL TIME

RECREATION

On Center: The center's recreation room has a billiard table, television, and video game consoles. There's also a volleyball court, basketball court, and a softball field.

Off Center: Nearby hiking and bicycle trails, volleyball, basketball, and a disc-golf course. Other nearby parks and recreation areas provide opportunities for fishing, swimming, boating, and golf. The Mendocino Coast is about 90 minutes away by car.



QUIET HOURS

Daily: 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

FAMILY OR GUEST VISITS

Family and friends may visit during off-work hours with a visitor's pass and staff permission.

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Ukiah Center has a long history in the community through volunteering. Corpsmembers regularly participate as volunteers throughout Mendocino County. Recent events include: Mendocino Abalone Festival, Relay for Life, Shrimp & Tri-Tip Festival, local food banks, blood drives, the local Humane Society and more!

POST-CCC

One of the greatest opportunities that Corpsmembers in the CCC have is to work on a variety of projects with agency partners in the conservation field. The experience received in the CCC may vary by center and project assignment, but the training and experience could potentially lead to a career.

The Ukiah 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.

Here are some fields and agencies where Ukiah Corpsmembers often start careers:

Natural Resources: California State Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, private arborist and landscaping companies, and local non-profits and conservation districts

Landscaping and Maintenance: Work with Caltrans, county and city public works departments, local parks and recreation departments, and utility contractors

Culinary Arts: Food service in restaurants, resorts and commercial kitchens

Firefighter: Work with U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Bureau of Land Management, tribal fire departments, private fire contractors, and county or city fire departments

