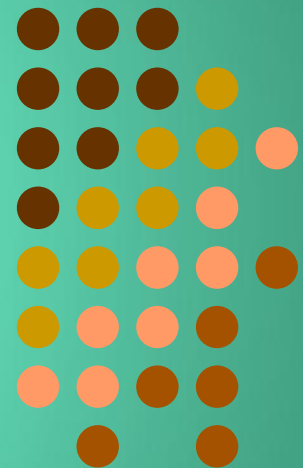


# AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project



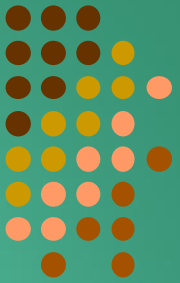
California Water Quality Monitoring  
Collaboration Network

Monthly Webinar, November 4, 2010



*A special project of the California Conservation Corps, WSP is administered by CaliforniaVolunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service.*

# Who Are We?



## AmeriCorps:

A national service program that provides people the opportunity to serve our communities and country in the areas of education, public safety, health, & the environment.

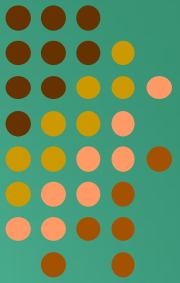
## California Conservation Corps:

A workforce development program that offers young men and women the chance to serve their state and become employable citizens through life skills, training, and hard work in environmental conservation, fire protection, and emergency response.

## Watershed Stewards Project:

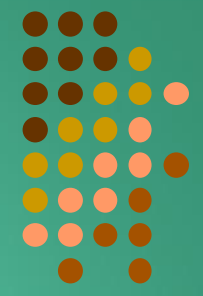
A community-based watershed restoration program that began in Northern California in 1994, which partners with natural resource professionals, private industry, government, teachers, and volunteers.

# WSP Key Project Partners



- California Conservation Corps
- California Department of Fish and Game
- CaliforniaVolunteers
- Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
- Corporation for National & Community Service
- Eel River Watershed Improvement Group
- Humboldt Fish Action Council
- Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association
- Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo
- Mattole Restoration Council
- Mattole Salmon Group
- Mid-Klamath Watershed Council
- Morro Bay National Estuary Program
- Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
- Salmon Protection and Watershed Network
- Salmon River Restoration Council
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District
- Sonoma Ecology Center
- Trinity Co. Planning Department
- USDA Forest Service
- Yurok Tribe Environmental Program



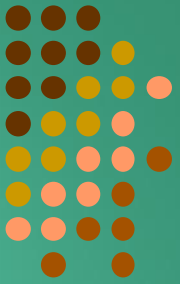


❖ **55 WSP corpsmembers serve at 25 Placement Sites in 11 counties and 20 communities from San Luis Obispo to the Oregon border.**

**Yreka, Klamath, Orleans, Sawyers Bar, Weaverville, Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, Petrolia, Fort Bragg, Hopland, Eldridge, Forest Knolls, San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Capitola, Morro Bay, Los Padres, San Luis Obispo, and Arroyo Grande.**



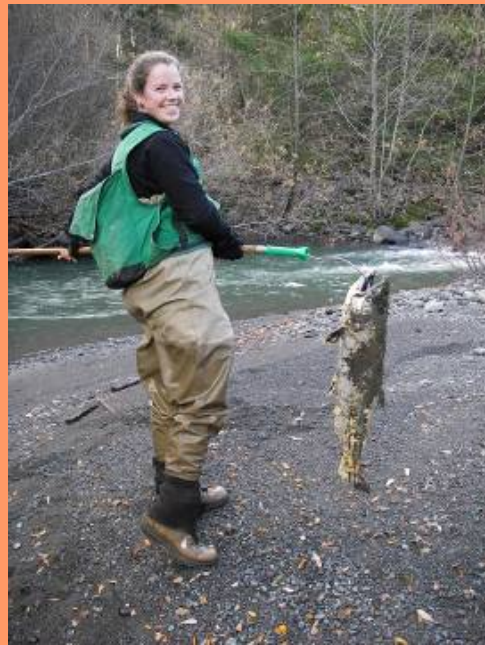
# What do we do?



## Restoration Projects



## Environmental Education

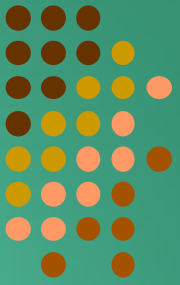


## Field monitoring



## Team Activities & Professional Training

# Monitoring and Analysis



WSP members learn and implement state-of-the-art watershed and fisheries monitoring techniques

**Culvert and Road Assessment**



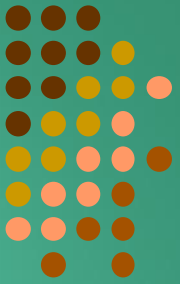
**Salmonid Trapping**



**Salmonid Spawner Surveys**



# Watershed Restoration



**Corpsmembers participate in upslope and in-stream restoration activities**



**In-stream Structure Implementation**

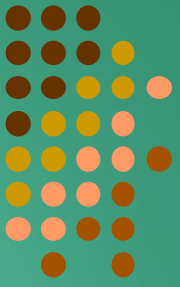


**Revegetation**



**Bank Stabilization**

# K-12 Watershed Education (focus on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)



Corpsmembers present a six-visit *Real Science* curriculum in local classrooms which provide watershed and salmonid lessons to help students understand their local watersheds



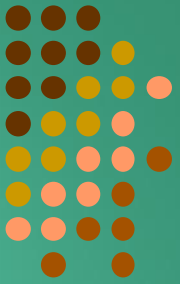
Egg to Fry Exhibit



Life Cycle Pageant



# Community Outreach



**Corpsmembers educate community members while building partnerships through environmentally-based public outreach activities**

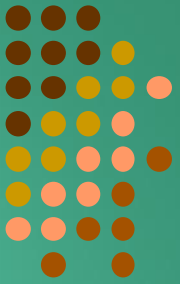


**Creek Days Environmental Education Fair**



**Mad River Hatchery Tours**

# Volunteer Recruitment



**Corpsmembers engage community members in hands-on watershed restoration through the coordination of Individual Service Projects (ISPs)**



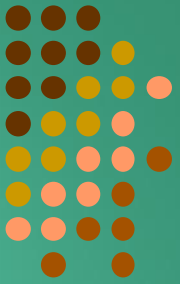
**Eel River Clean Up**



**Invasive English Ivy Removal**



# Member Training



**Corpsmembers attend a variety of trainings to enhance technical watershed / fisheries skills and professional development**



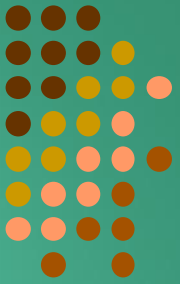
**Swiftwater Safety Training**



**Member Orientation**

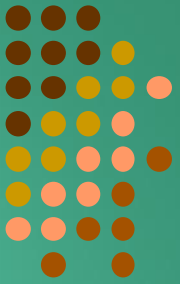


# Service Requirements



- 10.5 month term
- Minimum 1,700 hours of service
  - Service Year 17: October 4, 2010– August 12, 2011
- Duties include:
  - watershed assessment and restoration (60%)
  - watershed education and outreach (25%)
  - training and professional development (10%)
  - completion of an Individual Service Project (5%)
    - volunteer recruitment and coordination

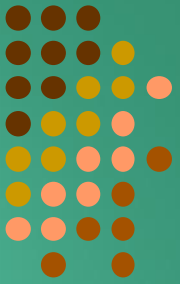
# Service Benefits



- About \$1,300 monthly stipend (\$13,000 for 10.5 months)
- \$5,350 education award upon completion
- No-cost medical insurance
- Professional training and networking



# Service Outcomes

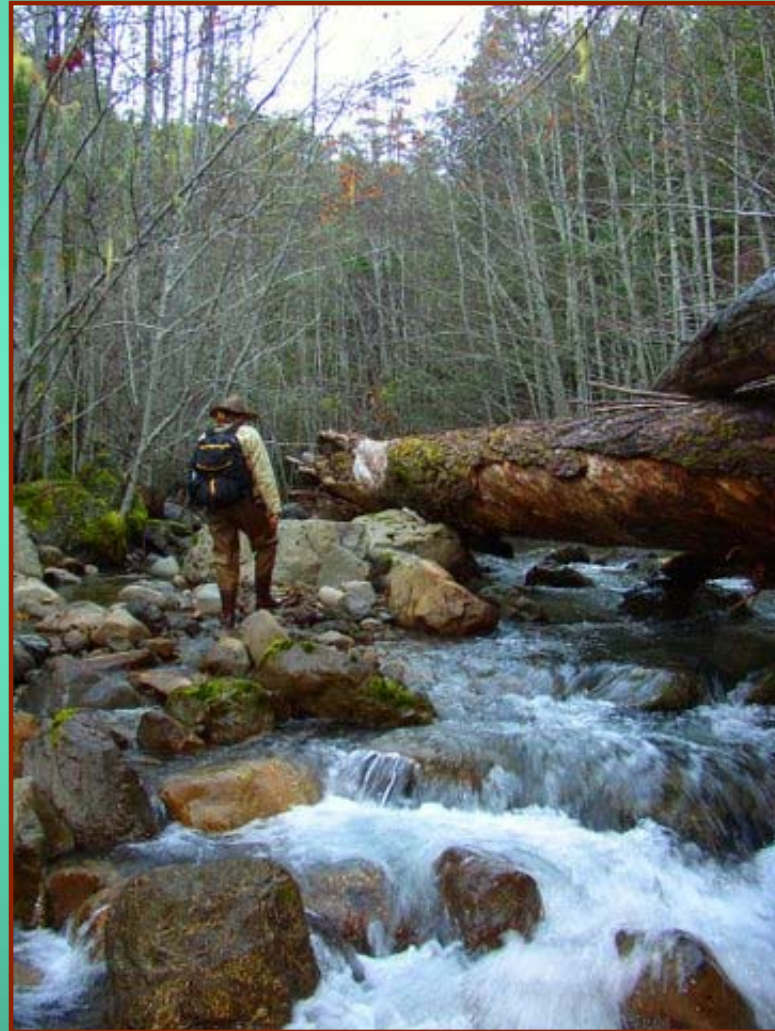
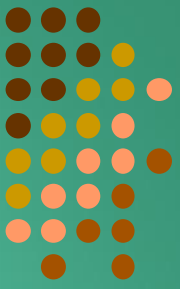


Each year, WSP members will collectively:

- Survey 2,500 stream, riparian, and upslope miles to assess Northern California watershed conditions
- Engage 825 community volunteers with a focus on hands-on watershed restoration projects (ISP's)
- educate 1,375 K-12 students in watersheds, salmonids, and best land use practices through the six-visit *Real Science* Watershed Education Program
- provide 11,500 hours of outreach and educational opportunities to 10,000 community members



# Developing the Next Generation of Natural Resource Professionals



# Questions?



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