

Student program preserves natural resources

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Volunteers assist in 35 states

The Student Conservation Association is a volunteer program allowing people who are more than 18 years of age to spend 12 weeks working to preserve national parks and resources.

SCA works in association with the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and other natural resource agencies. Volunteers who are

selected for the program become resource assistants and participate in one of the 230 nationwide resource areas located in more than 35 states, including both Alaska and Hawaii.

All travel and living expenses are paid for by the resource agency where the volunteer will be working.

"It's a good opportunity to check out different states," said

Harvey Duerr, a resource assistant who is originally from Wisconsin. "Everything's laid out for you when you get there."

Duerr is staying in an apartment in Eugene, and he works with the Eugene office of the BLM.

Some of his duties include electrically shocking the streams, which allows Duerr to

take fish surveys. These show which types of fish exist in the water.

In addition, he helped build a trout ladder, which allows the fish to continue swimming past a particularly steep part of Lake Creek. "We've opened up about 100 more miles for the fish," he said excitedly.

Working with fish is only one of the many different opportunities available to resource assistants. Twenty-year-old Silvia Lommel is from Germany, and she is in Eugene on her second assignment with SCA. She plans to stay through the summer to continue her work for BLM.

Lommel said the program is great because she enjoys the outdoors and keeping herself and others environmentally aware. "You can give talks to high school kids, or work in a ranger station, stuff like that," she said.

Resource assistant positions have themes or subjects the volunteer chooses from, such as

forestry, environmental education, recreation management, trail maintenance and construction, to name only a few. While most programs require participants to be 18 years old with a high school diploma, others require special skills and education.

Volunteering for SCA is an excellent opportunity to work out of doors and obtain valuable experience at the same time, said Doug Huntington, SCA correspondent at the BLM office in Eugene.

Competition in natural resource agencies is on the rise and volunteering service at SCA is the first step toward obtaining either a permanent or temporary job with these agencies, he said.

After a resource assistant has worked for an agency, he or she has a much better chance of finding a paid job in the natural resource field, as long as the volunteer remains committed and sticks to it, Huntington said.

"The SCA is a great way to experience the challenges and conflicts in managing land," he said.

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"The desire to reduce military spending and redirect funds is not unanimous in Congress," admits MacGregor. However, she believes that a majority of congressional members feel the military budget can be reduced.

Baugh said most people now believe that the United States won't need to give as much support to NATO, after seeing the Berlin wall come down. But he anticipates opposition to the resolution from politicians sensitive to a loss of jobs in their districts.

The Harvest for Peace Resolution recognizes that a 50 percent reduction would bring drastic changes to the defense industry and it recommends that some of the money not spent on arms should be used to retrain the thousands of workers affected for non-military jobs, Linder said.

'In the broad scale of things, people believe that it's a dangerous world and deterrence works.'

— William Baugh

The group advocates a slow reduction over ten years to accommodate change. "We will get a peace dividend if public opinion insists on it," Linder said.

A resolution is non-binding if passed, unlike bills that are signed into law. "But a resolution is attractive because it is a statement of policy and not an exact blueprint" for legislative measures, said MacGregor. She expects it to be voted on in the fall.

"A resolution is helpful because it sets up accountability for Congress," Linder said. "If they pass this but don't follow up with meaningful legislation, constituents can ask at voting time 'what happened?'"

If the U.S. would promote a worldwide reduction in arms, "it would be a significant step," said Baugh. He noted that the world trade in weapons is continuing to grow, and the United States and other industrialized nations are exporting many sophisticated weapons.

"It is a problem of perception whether weapons are viewed as a threat or a comfort," Baugh said.

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