

65 years



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1957 - 2022

STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Memory Book

Unforgettable Moments with SCA

Walking spades, in with gravel a new trail garden. We've also taken trips to hike saw bisas at Nachusa Grasslands, went and took a canoe trip (among others). But I've gained much more from these six weeks than just the or activities themselves, though I did benefit a lot. I've learned to love the ache a good day's work and the project. I've

MOUNT RAINIER ROVING TEAM '21



STEPHANIE MEEKS
CEO AND PRESIDENT

SCA Through the Years

Sixty-five years ago, a movement was born when Liz Putnam launched SCA to aid national parks facing a rapidly growing volume of visitors. Liz had just graduated from college herself and recognized the potential for young people to protect America's natural and cultural treasures while continuing their learning in the outdoors.

Today, SCA is a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking community of teens and young adults determined to forge a more resilient and sustainable world for all. And this year, SCA will reach a remarkable milestone when we place our 100,000th service member. That is 100,000 young people who have made enduring contributions to our parks, forests, and urban green spaces. For many, the experience was a life-changing journey that fostered powerful moments of discovery, reflection, and growth.

We have asked our members to capture and share with us their special moments through stories, photographs, and videos. These highlights always inspire me, and I hope they do the same for you. As SCA begins to engage our next 100,000 members in preserving the outdoors, advancing climate action, and furthering environmental justice, I am so grateful that you have chosen to join the SCA community and the pursuit of our mission of conserving lands and transforming lives.

Stephanie

Liz's Story

In 1955, while a student at Vassar College, Liz Putnam spotted an article describing the startling condition of America's national parks: understaffed, under-resourced, and increasingly at risk of being "loved to death" by post-war Baby Boom families.

Liz promptly crafted her senior thesis around the idea of a "student conservation corps"—a modern-day CCC that would mobilize young people to complete natural resource conservation projects on public lands as participants learned new skills and gained new perspectives. She sought former National Park Service Director Horace Albright's counsel and quickly earned his support, including a letter of recommendation in which Albright advised park superintendents to consider Liz's "interesting" and "constructive" ideas. Liz was 22 years of age.

SCA would grow from its humble beginnings in two national parks to annually deploy thousands of young stewards at more than 500 federal, state, and municipal sites, where they annually render more than 1.3 million hours of conservation service. In 2022, SCA will surpass 100,000 members all-time. The organization has also influenced the creation of more than 130 other youth corps across the U.S.

Today, Liz remains SCA's premier ambassador and her accomplishments have earned numerous honors. In 2010, President Barack Obama presented Liz with the Presidential Citizens Medal, among the nation's highest civilian commendations. Liz has also received the Interior Department's Conservation Achievement Award, the National Audubon Society's Rachel Carson Award, and the Garden Club of America's Margaret Douglas Medal, among others.



Our Mission

SCA's mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land.

Our Values

RESPECT THE LAND

We commit to being well-informed environmental stewards and recognize that our work transforms lives and lands. We strategically use our resources and strengths to respond to urgent ecological issues such as climate change, environmental justice, and equitable access while protecting and preserving our natural, cultural, and historical resources.

INTEGRITY

We strive to uphold the highest standards of work ethic, honesty, and authenticity. Our passion drives us to work with urgency and to hold each other accountable. We consistently ask how our choices support our mission, our members' social and emotional development, the communities we serve, and our Partners.

BOLD VISION

Co-powering the next generation of conservation leaders requires unwavering vision, innovation, and execution. We think and act creatively and are resolved to write new stories. We challenge prevailing ideas of what's possible to create new opportunities and meet the needs of our members and the communities we serve.

BELONGING & INCLUSION

Our differences—when embraced with awareness, self-reflection, care and respect—drive better decisions, stronger performance, and a culture where everyone can comfortably be themselves. We continuously design our culture to invite the best in each individual to reach their fullest potential.

COLLABORATION

We value team over the individual as our success is driven by our ability to break silos and connect across teams, functions, and geographies. We build purposeful relationships grounded in cooperation and a shared vision and have no tolerance for behaviors that are discourteous, aggressive, or tear others down.

SCA Programs



TED STONE WOODS CHICAGO '18

Local Summer and School Year Programs:

In a growing number of cities across the U.S., SCA offers 15–19-year-olds opportunities to earn an hourly wage and gain career skills while they support their communities by improving the urban parks, trails, and gardens that are so vital to outdoor recreation and recuperation.

National Crews:

High school-aged participants camp and serve outdoors for up to five weeks each summer while completing crucial conservation projects in national parks, forests, refuges, and more. As with our urban-based programs, members hone their leadership skills, build self-confidence, and embark on a lifetime of stewardship.



MOUNT RAINIER '21



DEAGIA WITH FEATHERED FRIEND 2019

Conservation Internships:

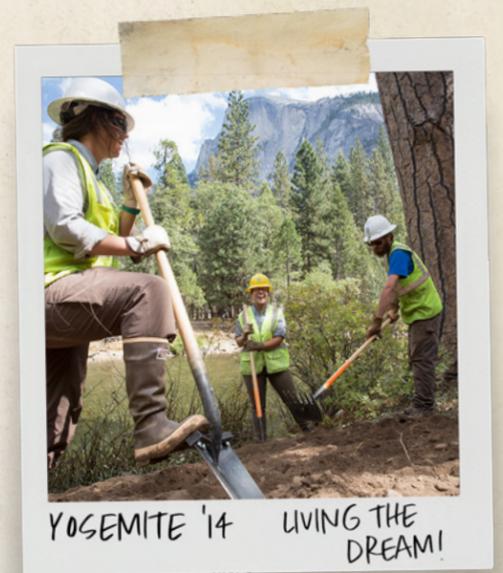
Wildlife management, historic preservation, visitor services—every year, SCA places thousands of interns aged 18+ in a coast-to-coast network of public land agencies, businesses, and nonprofits. Positions range from three to 12 months and include housing, travel allowances, and a weekly stipend.



IDAHO TRAIL BUILDING '20

Special Initiatives:

SCA partners with a variety of resource managers to offer professional development opportunities including the Career Discovery Intern Program with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NPS Academy with the National Park Service; GulfCorps, a coastal restoration program, and numerous statewide conservation initiatives.



YOSEMITE '14 LIVING THE DREAM!

Conservation Corps:

These advanced teams may restore damaged ecosystems, help prevent wildfires, or build backcountry trails. Still others carry out grassroots public outreach and environmental education campaigns in local communities. Hitches can extend for a full year and benefits include housing, travel, and weekly stipends.

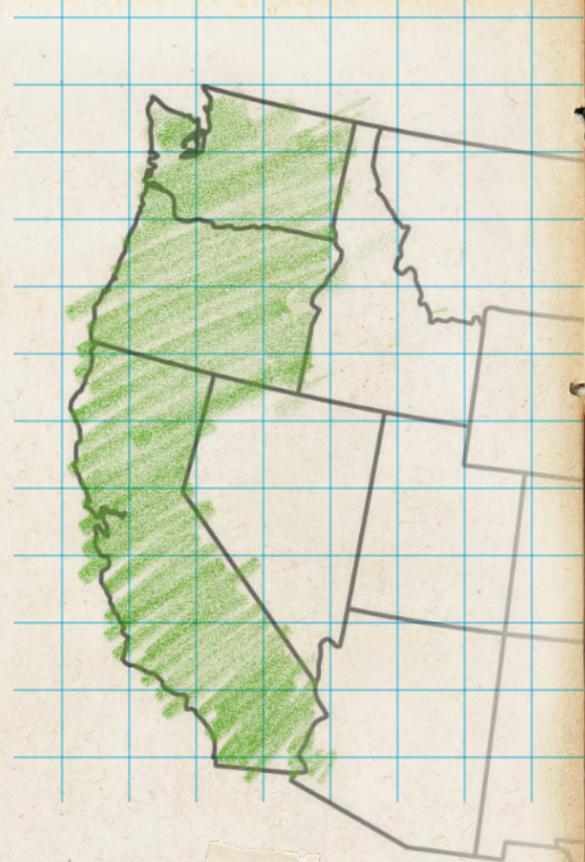
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"I was brought up to believe that land is a trust and that we are all responsible for taking care of this earth. I was also taught that life itself is a privilege and that we must always give something back. As my father said, 'if something needs to be done, pitch in and help out.' I believe we all can make a positive difference with our lives."

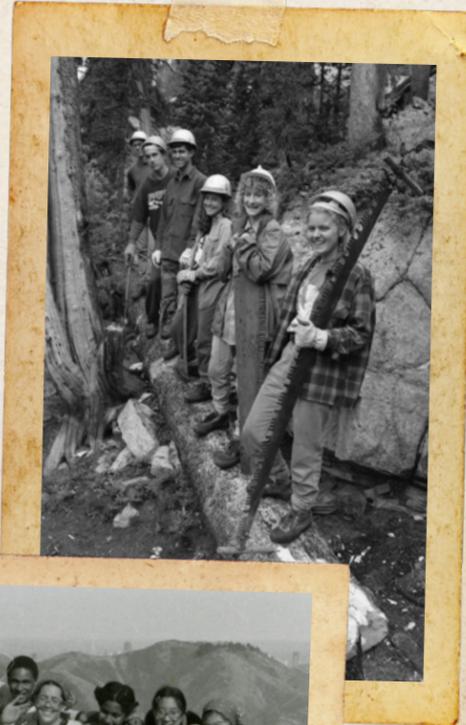
- LIZ PUTNAM, SCA Founder

NORTHWEST / WEST COAST DREAMING

In recent years, SCA members have restored fire-scarred California forestlands, performed strenuous rock work along the Pacific Crest Trail, and aided efforts to save the iconic yuccas of Joshua Tree National Park. SCA's Bay Area and Seattle-based programs annually provide jobs and career training for hundreds of local, underserved youth in their home communities.



1958
SETTING UP CAMP AT OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK



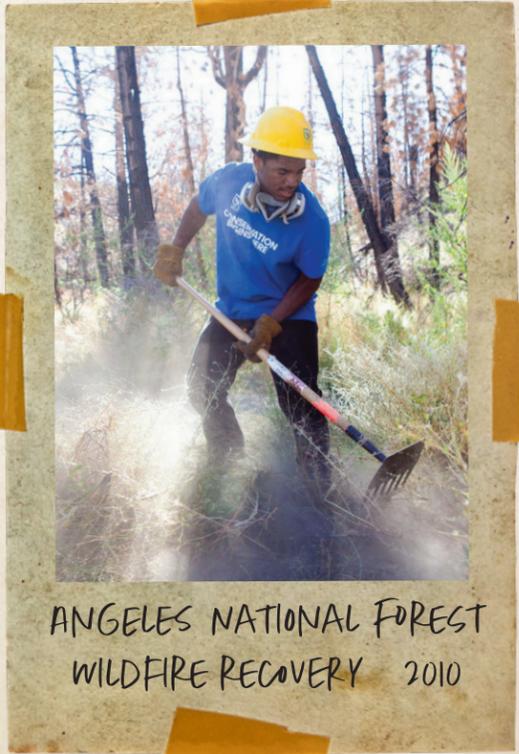
GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL REC AREA 1981



MOUNT HOOD, OR 1987



DESERT RESTORATION CORPS, CA 2007



ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST WILDFIRE RECOVERY 2010



ARRIVING AT MOWICH LAKE, MOUNT RAINIER, AUGUST 1969

1969 was the summer of the first moon walk and Woodstock and the first female high school work crews of the SCA. There were so many applicants that year that a second crew was set up at Mowich Lake at Mount Rainier National Park. I had never been to Mount Rainier but immediately fell under its spell. Its looming presence hung over our campsite and I felt in awe of it. Our job was to help restore the fragile alpine meadows that had been destroyed by campers and hikers. I had never worked so hard or had such an arduous climb back to our campsite at night but loved every minute of it. It gave me a lifelong love for wild places and a desire to protect them. It took me over 40 years to return to Mowich Lake, this time with my husband, daughter, and grandsons. Time has helped restore the meadows but it takes signs and constant reminders from rangers to keep them protected. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to play a small role in the restoration of such a beautiful place.

- Rhoda (Myers) Capron, SCA Alum

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK 2016



"If you're uncomfortable in nature, the best thing you can do is just go out in it. I feel like when you're most uncomfortable, that's also where the most change and growth happens. Immerse yourself in nature and get comfortable!"
- SCA Alum



PACIFIC NORTHWEST ROVING CREW '21



JOSHUA TREE '19

MOUNT RAINIER 2014



YOSEMITE INTERNSHIP 2016

Watch an SCA Alum cook up this Apple Cinnamon trailside treat!



RECIPES FROM THE TRAIL

BREAKFAST: APPLE CINNAMON OATMEAL

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 11 cups water | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 5 1/2 cups rolled oats | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 2 apples shredded | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1/2 cups raisins | |

Boil water in a large pot over high heat. Add oatmeal and salt, stir, returning to a boil, reduce heat to low, simmer 2 minutes. Add apples, raisins, brown sugar, and cinnamon and cook another 5-10 minutes or until desired consistency. DO NOT BURN!!!

Watch! Combating Carbon Emissions in Vallejo, CA



BLM WILD CORPS! CA 2019



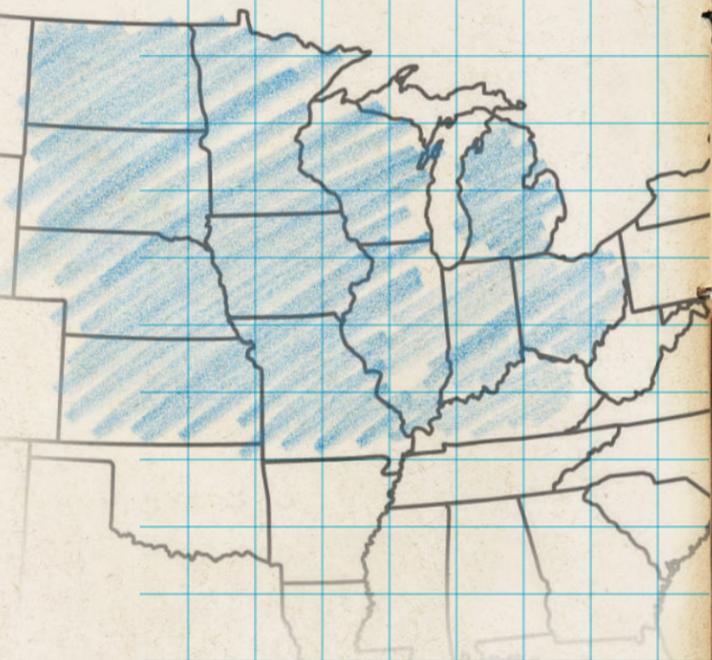
SEATTLE 2021

EDMONDS, WA CREW '21



MIDWEST MEMORIES

SCA members fortify this region's rich natural heritage by conserving migratory bird habitats, protecting watersheds and riparian zones, combating invasive species, and more. Our annual all-female crew in Chicago upends misguided notions of gender roles in parks and rec, and members conduct school and family programs from Gateway Arch National Park.



BUILDING BENCHES - DETROIT 2010



MAMMOTH CAVE, KY INTERNSHIP '11



GATEWAY ARCH, MO 2017



HEGEWISCH MARSH, IL 2015



SCA DAY OF SERVICE 2018
HAMMOND, IN



INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL PARK '19



CLIMATE CHANGE INTERN, KS 2020

the theory was
that we came to Ohio
to repair trails. Four weeks,
four people, a few
challenging projects, making
the path to a rock carved in 1885
(graffiti? or art?) a little
less treacherous
than it was last summer,
when injured hikers had to be
airlifted out across
the river. and
we did all that. we built
a staircase, we dug out
paths for water to flow
downhill and offtrail, we
stabilized slopes. and
we learned - but we didn't only
learn trail work. we learned
(or remembered? did
we know this before?) how to be
together. how to support
each other as we challenged
ourselves. we practiced
trust every day, and we did not
let each other down. we moved
a two-ton rock together, and
that was the least
of what we did.
did i say
we came here to repair trails?
i should have said we came here
to meet the unknown, and
in four weeks we four
repaired ourselves as much as
we tended the trails. we held
each other up, and
that did not hold any of us back.
we gave, and the giving
gave us life. and we
discovered what sustainability
feels like; it is the endless wellspring of
doing work we love with people
we love. we found inspiration in rock
and path and puzzle and sweat and strain,
and we let that energy spill out
to touch every person who walks
the trails we made
as we mended pieces
of our world.

- SCA Alum Elyria Little

8/5/19

Dear SCA supporter,

My name is Kelly Emujin Tsogtjargal. I'm a high school sophomore from the Chicagoland Area and for the last month, I've been working as a crew member at the River Trail Nature Center in Northbrook, IL. My fellow crew members are enthusiastic, diverse, interesting, and most importantly, funny. Every weekday, I wake up regretting ever applying to work with the SCA because it means I wake up at 6:30 am. and ~~bring~~^{bike} to the pick-up location. And every weekday, without fail, I eat my words like it's a four-course meal. The moment I get to work with all my coworkers and I see the progress we've made and the friendship we've collectively developed, I ~~feel~~ feel so happy! So far, we've mulched an uneven hill, cleared piles and piles of buckthorn, weeded a pollinator garden and an apiary, maintained the upkeep of said apiary, and created an ABA-certified gravel trail from start to finish. Lately, I've been reading the poetry of Mary Oliver, who wrote beautifully about nature and love. From working with the SCA for the past month, I've developed a greater appreciation and have nurtured a passion for the natural world and in indulging in art that expresses my ~~same~~^{albeit} newfound love ~~for~~ for nature. Your contributions have enabled me to change a lot this summer, and certainly for the better. I say this with genuine love and ~~great~~ gratefulness,

Thank you -
Kelly Emujin Tsogtjargal



TRAILSIDE NATURE MUSEUM, IL 2018



RIVER TRAIL NATURE CENTER, IL 2019



ROVING TRAIL CORPS - BLACK HILLS, SD 2020



ALL WOMEN CREW, CHICAGO 2021



CALUMET TREE CORPS, IN '21



WILLIAM POWERS PARK, IL
2021

Watch!
SCA All Women
Crew in Chicago



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"One of my favorite parts about SCA is the opportunities that they offer and the training we get to add to our resume for when the season is over. One of my favorite projects was the Pollinator Garden that we installed at a school, where we got to work with the kids!"

- Abby, Calumet Tree Conservation Corps, Gary, IN 2021

EAST COAST REPRESENT

You're as likely to run into an SCA intern on the National Mall or Liberty Island as you are on the Appalachian Trail. Our members survey moose and puffins in Maine, preserve Revolution-era structures in Boston, and maintain state parks throughout Pennsylvania, among many other services and sites. Plus, SCA is headquartered in Arlington, VA.



FIRST SCA URBAN CREW!! C&O CANAL, DC 1977



ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, ME 2010



APPALACHIAN TRAIL 2006



PITTSBURGH 2008



HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY, NY 2013

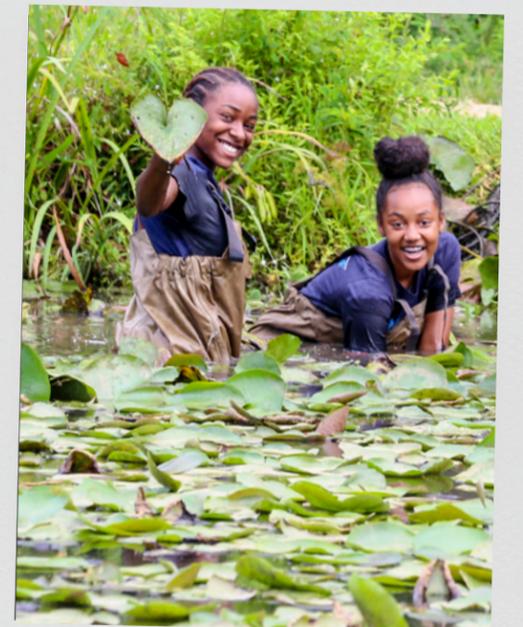


PHILLY / CAMDEN CREW 2015



GOVERNORS ISLAND - 2017
9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

Watch!
John Heinz NWR
Crew Rap Video!



SHARING THE LOVE! DC, 2016
KENILWORTH AQUATIC GARDENS

"The best memory of this SCA position was seeing the team I worked with come together as a solid unit, both at work and during our personal time. We were all different in our own ways but those differences only brought us together more. We were constantly on the move and in different living situations but we adapted so well each time."

- SCA Alum



PIPING PLOVER
RESEARCH INTERNSHIP
JONES BEACH, 2016



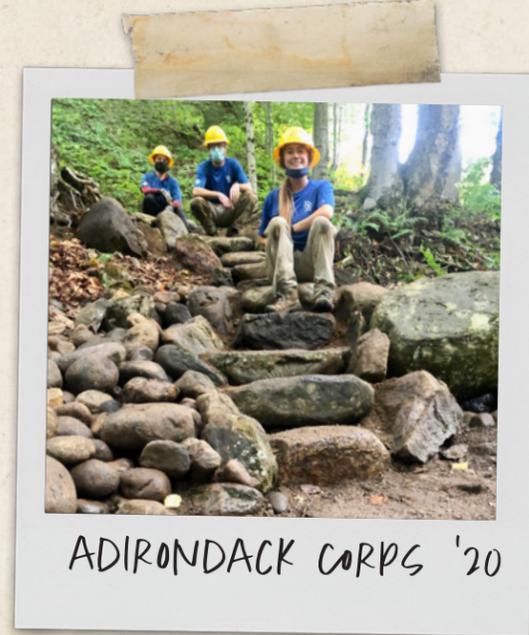
PA OUTDOOR CORPS '18



PUFFINS! MAINE COASTAL
ISLANDS INTERNSHIP 2021



NY EXCELSIOR CONSERVATION CORPS '18



ADIRONDACK CORPS '20

Watch an SCA Alum
cook up this
Lentil stew
trailside treat!

RECIPES FROM THE TRAIL

LUNCH: LENTIL STEW

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| 1/2 cup textured vegetable protein | 1 cup warm water |
| 2 Tbsp. olive oil | 2 cups lentils |
| 5 cloves garlic, peeled & chopped | 9 cups veggie broth |
| 1 onion, chopped | 2 tsp. garlic powder |
| 1 bell pepper, chopped | 1 tsp. Italian seasoning |
| 2 carrots, chopped | 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper |
| 3 potatoes, washed & chopped | Salt & pepper to taste |
| 1 can diced tomatoes | |



NEW HAMPSHIRE CORPS '18



MASSACHUSETTS CORPS '20

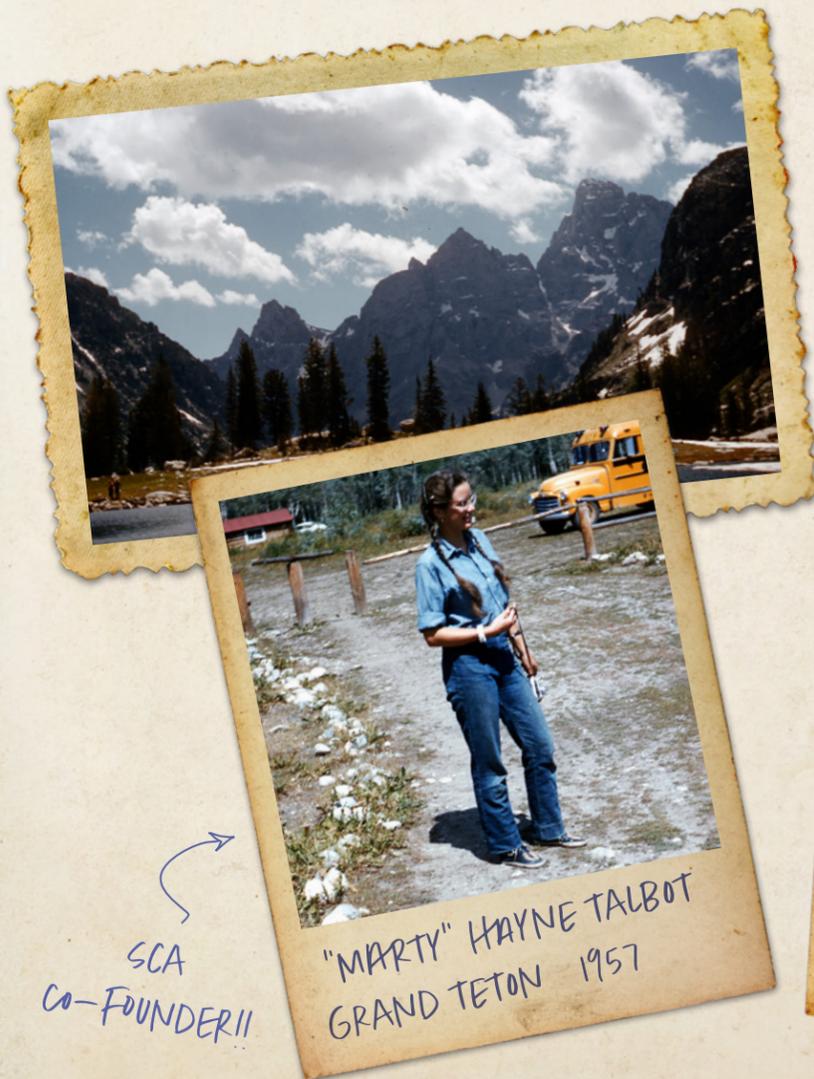
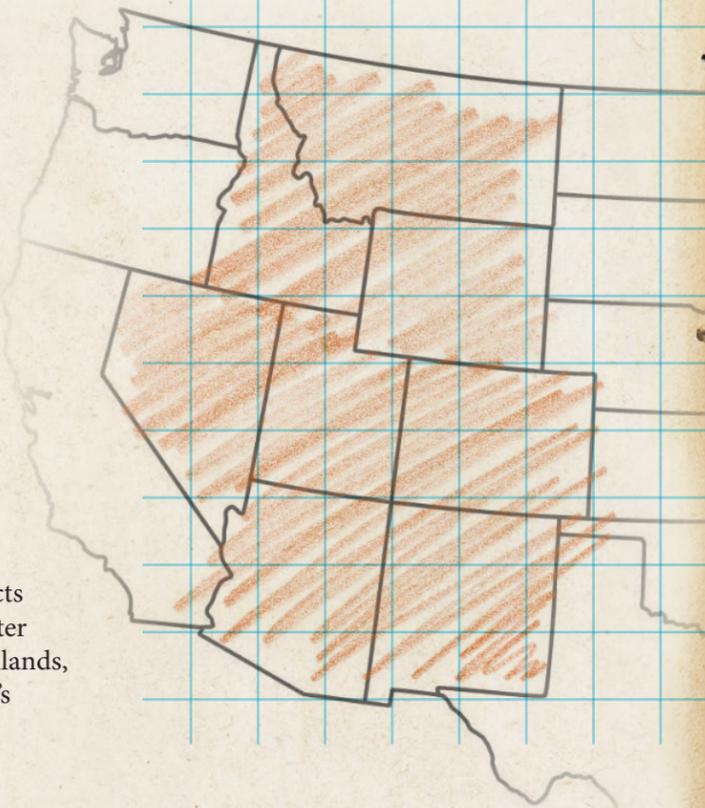


ROCK CREEK PARK, DC '21

Place the textured vegetable protein (TVP) in water, and soak 10 minutes. Press to drain. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat, and saute TVP, onion, garlic, bell pepper, and carrots until onion is tender and TVP is evenly browned. Add garlic powder, Italian seasoning, cayenne pepper, and salt and pepper, cook 1 minute. Add veggie broth and lentils, bring to a boil. Add potatoes, return to boil and reduce heat to medium-low, add tomatoes and simmer for 25-30 minutes or until potatoes and lentils are tender. Serve with cornbread, biscuits, or flat bread.

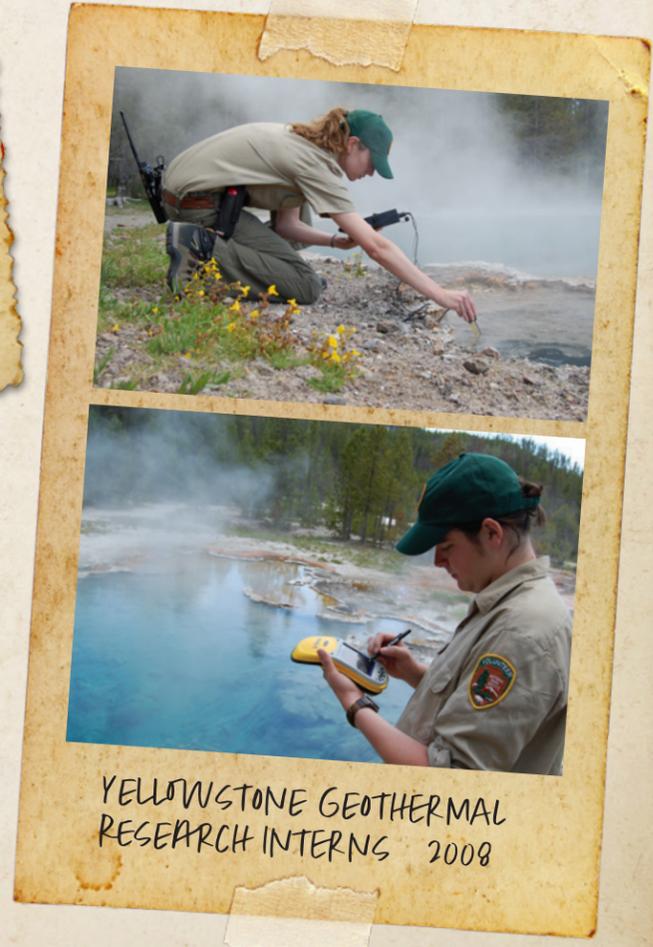
WEST/ SOUTHWEST SPIRIT

The ecological needs of the Southwest are distinctive—and so are SCA solutions. We care for irreplaceable artifacts at the NPS Western Archeological and Conservation Center in Tucson, provide visitor outreach at Arches and Canyonlands, train young military veterans for fire careers in the region's forests, and lead Navajo crews at Canyon de Chelly.



SCA
Co-FOUNDER!!

"MARTY" HAYNE TALBOT
GRAND TETON 1957



YELLOWSTONE GEOTHERMAL
RESEARCH INTERNS 2008



SOLAR INSTALLATION
CANYONLANDS 2009



SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK,
ARIZONA 2010



DEATH VALLEY, NV 2015



READY TO COUNT
BIGHORNS!

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, 1998

From search and rescue expeditions to solitary hikes, my thoughtful and scrappy boss ensured each day was unique. Among my activities: I counted regrowth of invasive tamarisk. Sprayed exotics. Transplanted grasses and a dead tree to rebuild an area disturbed by a too-adventurous 4x4. Cleared treated areas. Performed water purification studies. Surveyed and established transects. Assisted with soil compaction studies, a bighorn sheep census and hunting patrol. Saw a treasure trove of dinosaur tracks (!). Charted plans for cattle flood fences. Watched golden eagles, nearly stepped on several rattlesnakes. Learned what silence meant as I heard only the crackle of my park radio and the hum of my brain. Saw the full, beige moon set against the violet morning sky and sun-oranged rocks off Hwy 191. What did I build? I built my confidence; a strong friendship with my boss until his death from cancer; an appreciation and love for a vastly different landscape.

- Ali Schumacher, SCA Alum

RECIPES FROM THE TRAIL

DINNER: ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

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| 24 small corn tortillas | 2 cans stewed tomatoes |
| 4 cups dry black beans
(soak overnight, or all day)
or 2 cans black beans | 1 small can tomato paste |
| 1 onion, diced | 2 Tbsp. ground cumin |
| garlic, diced (6-8 cloves) | 1 Tbsp. chili powder |
| 1 bunch chard, cut into strips
about 1" long, 1/2" wide | 1 Tbsp. black pepper |
| 1 bunch cilantro, chopped | salt to taste |
| | 2 Tbsp. olive oil |
| | shredded cheese (optional) |

Cover the black beans with 2-3" of water. Add half of the onion, garlic and cilantro. Cook in pressure cooker for 1 hour, check for softness after releasing pressure, and continue to cook until desired tenderness, if necessary. If not using pressure cooker, bring to a boil and cook for 2-3 hours.

While the beans cook, make your enchilada sauce: Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan. Add the remaining onion and garlic. Cook on medium heat until aromatic. Add the tomatoes, paste, and spices. Stir regularly. Bring to a simmer for ~15 minutes, then add remaining cilantro. Cover and put on low heat. Stir occasionally to keep the bottom from scorching.

For the filling: Mix the chard and carrots into the black beans. (For meat eaters, you can make a batch with cooked chicken and mix into the filling). Coat 2 - 8" square pans with olive oil, or a dutch oven. Layer the bottom of each with corn tortillas. Cover with a layer of beans, then tortillas, beans, tortillas, and sauce. If using cheese, sprinkle over the top. Cover with foil (or the lid of the dutchie) and bake for ~25 minutes.



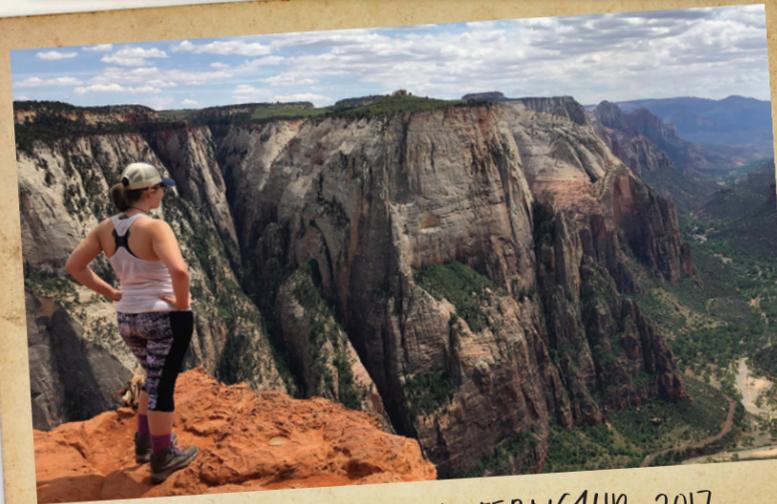
JEMEZ MOUNTAINS,
NEW MEXICO 2018



NPS ACADEMY
GRAND TETON 2018



CANYON DE CHELLY ALL NAVAJO CREW '15



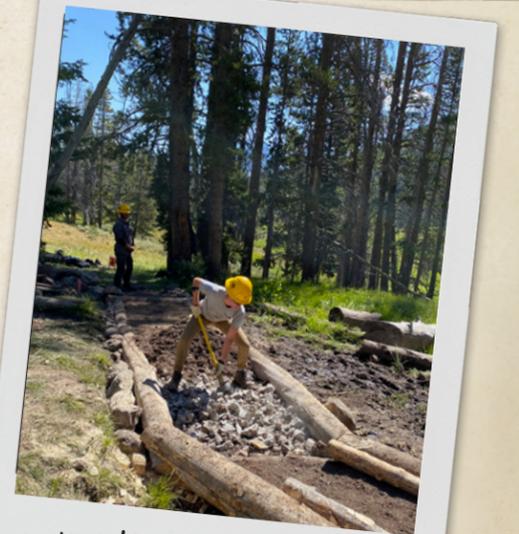
ZION NATIONAL PARK INTERNSHIP 2017



THE MAZE! CANYONLANDS 2019



LIZ PUTNAM WITH CENTENNIAL VOLUNTEER
AMBASSADORS - GRAND CANYON 2016



IDAHO CORPS 2020

"I built a birdhouse. It may not seem impressive, but before this I was a pasty nerd who didn't work much with his hands. Now I can, and I do. The wood I used was leftover from cabin renovations, which was originally cut down from hazard trees that were menacing campsites. Recycling at its best!" - SCA Alum

SOUTH / GULF COAST FLAVOR

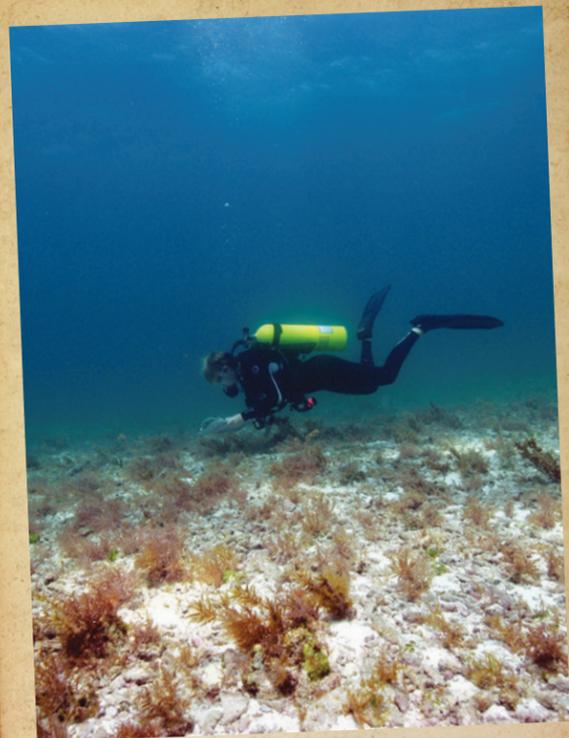
SCA's storied history here spans from our Hurricane Andrew recovery project in the Everglades to the ongoing restoration of coastal communities impacted by the Deepwater Horizon spill. In addition, SCA members assist regional efforts to protect endangered sea turtles, safeguard natural and cultural sites in Atlanta, and strengthen Houston's green infrastructure.



KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST,
LOUISIANA 2009



OIL SPILL RECOVERY AT GULF ISLANDS
NATIONAL SEASHORE 2010



BISCAYNE REEF SURVEY 2009



BIOLOGY INTERNSHIP AT
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK '15



DUCK BANDING AT
COLDWATER RIVER NWR, MS '16



MISSISSIPPI SANDHILL
CRANE NWR 2018



GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE, 2015

In my time with the SCA I built a loyalty to the environment. I came in as an architecture student exploring a summer in historic preservation, not knowing much about the role of biologists or interpreters in the National Park Service. During my tenure at Gulf Islands National Seashore, my perspective on life was shifted. I grew a love for understanding how animals are built to enjoy their habitat and how humans have caused them to rewire. I watched a turtle nest hatch at 3am, searched for snowy plover nests for 12 hours on a hot day, and pulled over on the way to dinner to look at black skimmers along the beach. The work I participated in was historic preservation, but I also gained a new perspective on architecture that gave me a passion and obligation to pursue opportunities in my professional career that enhance, and do not inhibit, the natural environment for the sake of the built.

- Jenn Elder, SCA Alum



OCELOT RECOVERY 2018
LAGUNA ATASCOSA NWR



GULF VETERANS FIRE CORPS
PRESCRIBED BURN 2018



EARTH DAY! HOUSTON 2018



GULF CORPS 2020



HOUSTON



TEXAS



COMMUNITY



CREW



2019

RECIPES FROM THE TRAIL

SNACK: CORNBREAD

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| 1 1/2 cups cornmeal | 1/4 cup oil |
| 1 1/2 cups white flour | 4 Tbsp. water |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | |
| 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda | (Optional: 1 can whole corn drained, 1 can green chilies, |
| 1 Tbsp. brown sugar or honey | 1 can sliced black olives |
| 1 teaspoon salt | drained, 1/2 cup chopped |
| 2 cups milk, soymilk, or water | onion, 2 teaspoons chili |
| 2 eggs or 3 Tbsp. ground flax seed | powder, 1 cup shredded |
| | cheese) |

Combine egg or flax seed and water in a small container, consistency should be slightly runny.

In a large bowl mix cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda, sugar, and salt. Stir in soymilk and oil. Add egg or flax seed mixture and stir until smooth. Incorporate any optional ingredients.

Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes or until golden brown.



HOBE SOUND REFUGE, FL '19

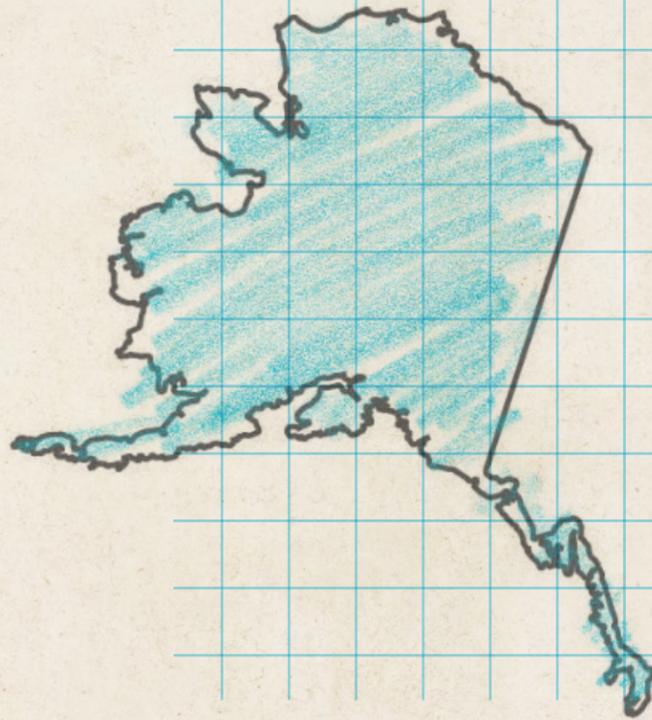
"SCA impacted my career by uncovering potential I didn't know I had! Being plucked out of the city and placed out in the middle of a marsh every day was pretty shocking, but I learned a lot about myself and what I can do if I put my mind to it. It also introduced me to a career with the service that I did not even know existed! I have had the opportunity to travel, network, and learn more than I ever would have thought was possible in just a few short years. SCA definitely opened the door for me!" - SCA Alum



ATLANTA 2021

ALASKAN ADVENTURES

Alaska is an SCA "region" unto itself, with more than 325 million acres of public land—over half the nation's wilderness. We work with Alaska Native youth to enhance connections with their lands, culture, and heritage, and each year scores of crews and interns help conserve the state's rich resources from Prudhoe Bay to the Alaska panhandle.



TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST '92



DENALI CREW 2010



WATCHING GRIZZLIES! KATMAI 2016



ALASKA NATIVE CREW 2011

"I really like the connections I've made with other people. I can identify many of the plants that are native here, so that's pretty cool. I've also learned to accept challenges. Some days are more difficult than others with the heat and mosquitoes, but I've learned to push through it. If something goes wrong, I shake it off."

- SCA Alum



NPS ACADEMY
KENAI FJORDS 2017



CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST 2017



DENALI SLED DOG! 2019



AK ROVING TEAM AT
GLACIER BAY 2021

RECIPES FROM THE TRAIL

DESSERT: LORETTA'S PUDDING CAKE

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 cup flour | 1/2 cup milk |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 2 Tbsp. oil |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1 cup chopped nuts |
| 3/4 cup sugar | |
| 2 Tbsp. cocoa powder | |

Stir & spread in cake pan, then sprinkle on the batter: 1 cup brown sugar, and 1/4 cup cocoa powder. Bring 1 3/4 cup of water to nearly boiling then pour hot water over the whole thing. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Don't worry about over/undercooking, it's great no matter what!

HAWAII, PUERTO RICO, U.S.V.I. ISLAND LIFE

Although separated by thousands of miles, these islands have much in common—including the helping hands of SCA members. At Haleakalā National Park, interns protect at-risk Hawaiian geese and petrels. SCA teams are also restoring hurricane-ravaged historic structures on Puerto Rico, and repairing hiking trails at Virgin Islands National Park.



MONITORING SEA TURTLES
ST. CROIX 2010



USVI TRAIL CREW 2012



NESTING LEATHERBACK!! USVI, 2016
SANDY POINT TURTLE SURVEY TEAM



EL YUNQUE, PUERTO RICO 2018



CABO ROJO NWR, PUERTO RICO '14



SAN JUAN, PR 2015



HALEAKALĀ, HAWAII INTERNSHIPS 2021

"The first thing that became clear was that the community is what would make the work not just possible, but enjoyable, too. It can be hard to keep up the high level of motivation needed to complete some of the larger projects we tackled this season. But when one person on a crew is struggling to feel motivated, I could help support them, and in turn be supported if that's what I needed."

- SCA Alum

Watch our Hawaii
Virtual Event!





CALUMET TREE CORPS, IL 2021



The Conservation Circle is a dedicated group of individual supporters who share a commitment to America's youth conservation movement.

As a member of the Conservation Circle, you are carrying this tradition forward and empowering today's young people to protect our natural and cultural treasures. We are pleased to offer Conservation Circle supporters special opportunities to connect with SCA, and to see first-hand the impact of your support.

INDIVIDUAL LEVELS OF SUPPORT

Pathfinder Society: \$1,000 - \$2,499

- Subscriptions to SCA's "The President's Report", SCA's quarterly newsletter, "The GreenWay"; and monthly e-newsletter, "Hands On"
- Invitations to exclusive *SCA Explores!* events
- Receive SCA's Adventure Guide – a list of outdoor adventures with SCA ties

Bridge Builder Society: \$5,000 - \$9,999

- All benefits offered to River Guard Society
- Reflections from SCA's Founder, Liz Putnam – yearly update
- Invitation to join SCA's CEO and Board of Directors for a reception and update

Land Steward Society: \$25,000 +

- All benefits offered above
- Tell us your travel plans for the year, and we'll connect you with SCA leaders and members for a customized site visit during one of your trips

River Guard Society: \$2,500 - \$4,999

- All benefits offered to Pathfinder Society
- Limited-edition gift of SCA's "photo of the year" selected annually from submissions by SCA members and alumni
- Annual briefing of priority initiatives by SCA Executive

Trail Crew Society: \$10,000 - \$24,999

- All benefits offered to Bridge Builder Society
- Annual SCA Journal which will include memories such as photos, letters, drawings, poems, journal entries or recipes to help give you a closer look at life as an SCA crew member or intern

CONSERVATION BEGINS WITH YOU!

Thank you for your commitment to the Student Conservation Association and our mission. To learn more about The Conservation Circle or to make your gift online, please visit:

thesca.org/ConservationCircle

Contributions to the Student Conservation Association are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Benefits subject to change.



STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION 2021 IMPACT

CONSERVING LANDS

SCA PARTICIPANTS CONTRIBUTED **930,000 HOURS** OF CONSERVATION SERVICE

RESTORATION

SPURRED ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION BY IMPROVING **381,801 ACRES** OF PLANT AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

RECREATION

SUPPORTED PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATION BY IMPROVING **2,358 MILES** OF TRAIL

STEWARDSHIP

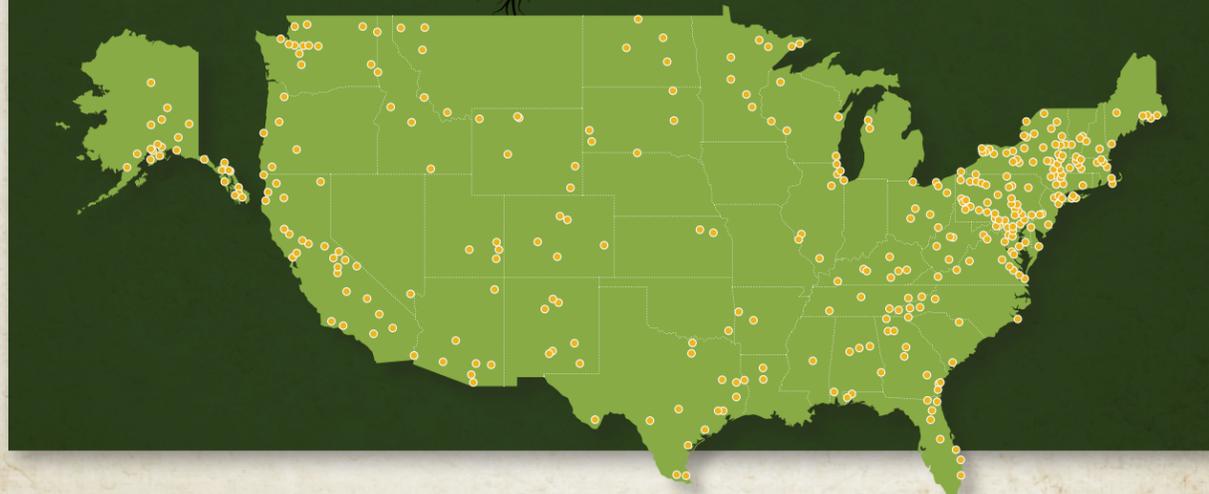
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO **122,045 STUDENTS** AND PARK VISITORS

RESILIENCE

FOSTERED CLIMATE RESILIENCE BY PLANTING **20,125 TREES**

IN 2021

SCA ENGAGED **1,946 INDIVIDUALS** AT **300+ SERVICE SITES** NATIONWIDE



TRANSFORMING LIVES

AS A RESULT OF THESE EXPERIENCES, SCA PARTICIPANTS DEVELOPED THEIR SKILLS AND PASSIONS FOR BECOMING FUTURE CONSERVATION LEADERS:

SELF-CONFIDENCE

90% are more likely to accomplish challenging tasks

91% are more confident

COLLABORATION

92% are better able to work with people with different views and backgrounds

91% are better able to communicate

INFLUENCING

90% are more comfortable taking charge of a project

86% are better able to motivate others

CONSERVATION ACTION

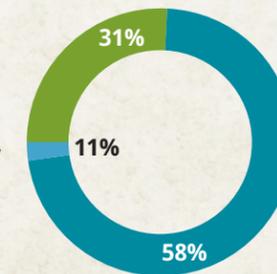
95% are more knowledgeable about conservation issues

91% are more likely to teach others the importance of conservation

OUR PARTICIPANTS

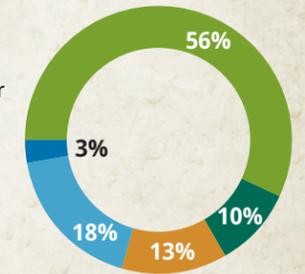
RACE / ETHNICITY

- Identify as White, Not Hispanic or Latino
- Identify as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color
- Chose not to identify



AGE

- 14 and Under
- 15-17
- 18-19
- 20-21
- 21+



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GENDER

- Chose not to identify
- 43% Male
- 52% Female



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