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Apply Today to become an AmeriCorps Member with ESLT

Do you love the Sierra? Want to help restore and protect the Range of Light, while gaining valuable environmental professional experience? Apply today to become a Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) Half Term AmeriCorps Member working in Bishop with Eastern Sierra Land Trust!

Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) is seeking an enthusiastic, conservation-minded individual to commit to six months of service to protect Sierra natural resources and sustainable communities as ESLT's Restoration and Education Coordinator. This team member will lead and collaborate on restoration, education, and outreach projects that connect the public with the wild and working lands of the Eastern Sierra. He or she will team up with ESLT's current full-term AmeriCorps member, Sara Kokkelenberg, to work on a variety of interesting projects with a high level of responsibility and creative freedom.

The service term for this position starts on April 13, and runs through September 30. Interviews will begin shortly, so candidates are encouraged to apply soon.

ESLT has hosted talented SNAP members for 6- and 11-month terms since the Sierra Nevada Alliance began the program in 2007. These AmeriCorps members have conducted education and outreach within the region, helping to inform and inspire our communities about land preservation and habitat restoration.

ESLT is a nationally-accredited organization established in 2001 to work with willing landowners and the public to protect vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT has partnered to permanently preserve almost 10,500 acres of prime ranch and farmland, critical habitats, and iconic scenic vistas.

For more information about ESLT, the SNAP program, and this position – including specific responsibilities, qualifications, details on compensation, and how to apply – please visit ESLT's website at www.eslt.org.

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Victoria Ortiz (2012) and other ESLT AmeriCorps members of past years completed vital monitoring and stewardship work to help protect the Eastern Sierra's most cherished landscapes. Become ESLT's next AmeriCorps member, and help lead the organization's restoration efforts this summer!



In 2013, ESLT's half-term AmeriCorps member Elise Robinette (left) went to work with ESLT Board of Directors member Tim Bartley (right) and other volunteers to remove invasive plants from the Benton ponds.