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**Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership Alert:
 Full-Term Position Available!**

Do you love the Eastern Sierra? Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Apply today to become ESLT's next AmeriCorps Member!

Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) and the Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) are seeking enthusiastic, conservation-minded people to commit to 11 months of service devoted to protecting the Sierra's natural resources and working to create sustainable communities. During the year, SNAP members serving at ESLT will gain skills and technical training, mentor with outstanding environmental leaders, and receive an education award at the successful completion of service.

Since 2007, ESLT has participated in the SNAP program as one of 19 Partner Organizations throughout the Sierra. We have hosted talented adults who have conducted education and outreach within the region, helping to inform and inspire our communities about land preservation and habitat restoration. Our goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both a strong local economy and environment. ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. For more information about ESLT's mission and preserved lands, visit www.eslt.org.

Deadline for applying for this position is August 1st. Interviews will begin in mid-August. For a complete service description, information on compensation and benefits, and directions on how to apply, visit www.servingthesierra.org.

SNAP members will serve full-time, from November 1st, 2014 through September 30th, 2015. Projects & responsibilities will vary depending on service positions, but will be based on watershed restoration and assessment, watershed education and outreach, and volunteer recruitment and coordination. Specific duties of the SNAP position at ESLT include:

- Development and implementation of youth and adult environmental education programs, such as the Eastside Pollinator Garden Project, the Sunflower Garden project with local elementary schools, Birds in the Classroom (in partnership with Eastern Sierra Audubon), and educational field trips for the public
- Design, production and distribution of educational materials that increase public awareness and support for effective watershed and habitat protection and enhancement
- Recruitment and support of program-related volunteers
- Design and coordination of habitat restoration projects, including the continuation of the habitat restoration project for the Round Valley mule deer herd migration corridor
- Work with ESLT lands staff on conservation planning, including research, report writing, site visits, and meetings with partners
- Assist with easement monitoring and land stewardship

For more information about the SNAP position at ESLT, please contact Kay Ogden, ESLT Executive Director, at (760) 873-4554.

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High resolution photos are attached; low-resolution images with captions are shown below.



Ali Amberg and Sara Kokkelenberg - ESLT's 2014 term AmeriCorps Partners - had a blast working on ESLT's ongoing restoration project at Benton Hot Springs Ranch Conservation Easement.



A large part of the ESLT AmeriCorps partner's role is educating young members of our community about their local environment and the importance of pollinators. Here, Sara Kokkelenberg and Ali Amberg – ESLT's 2014 term AmeriCorps Partners – are seen working with local 4-H students in the ESLT garden.