Service Opportunity Listings for Two STEM AC VISTA Volunteers!

Want to help spread STEM education in Idaho and be part of the STEM Action Center Team? We are excited to announce that we will be hosting two full time VISTA volunteers for the 2019-2020 program year. The chosen candidates will help us build capacity through a variety of activities including program development, data analysis and event planning/execution (see job descriptions below). In addition to a living allowance, they can also earn an Education Award from VISTA to apply towards college or pay back student loans. If you are interested in applying for either position, visit https://vistacampus.gov to set up your profile. Once completed, you can fill out the application and submit it for consideration for the position of your choice (you can apply for both, if you so choose). Applications will be considered until suitable candidates have been identified for placement by September. If you have questions regarding the specific job responsibilities, please contact John McFarlane at makerminded@stem.idaho.gov.

Service Opportunity Listing (SOL) #1

Idaho is geographically large with six distinct educational regions, each with its own economic and workforce challenges. While many STEM programs and activities have made an impact within their own communities, they have often been isolated efforts. Idaho is a large, rural state, resources are limited, travel is difficult, and connectivity is poor in many communities.

The Idaho STEM Action Center is looking for a VISTA member who has a passion for community outreach, communication and program analysis. As our *STEM Program Development Specialist/Analyst* the VISTA will develop a statewide, interactive map of ecosystem partners, work with partners in academia, recruit additional partners, and facilitate regular meetings with all STEM ecosystem partners. Analysis of existing programs will also be a critical responsibility.

Service Opportunity Listing (SOL) #2

Idaho has the second fastest growing tech sector in the country and it's estimated that within the next 20 years, 80% of jobs in Idaho will require significant technology skills. Consequently, there is an increased demand for computer science programming on the part of students, parents and teachers. Problem solving and computational thinking are examples of essential skills if students are going to successfully transition from school to work.

In response to this growing need, the STEM Action Center is looking for a VISTA member with a desire to help expand the center's CS programs. Responsibilities for the *Computer Science Development Specialist* include the development/integration of CS curricula, building public awareness of existing CS programs and coordination our new eCYBERMISSION school competition grant.

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program that has been placing volunteers in communities throughout the country since 1965. To learn more or set up your profile, please click here: https://vistacampus.gov.