Corps THAT 2019 IN REVIEW

BRIDGING THE DEAF AND OUTDOOR COMMUNITIES SINCE 2016
AND SERVING THEM AS A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT SINCE 2018
Dear Friends of CorpsTHAT,

2020 caught us off guard like the rest of the world, so much that we are now finally sitting down to finish our annual report for 2019 at the same time we are starting to write our 2020 annual report. We are thankful that our accomplishments in 2019 set us up to find a path to success in 2020 even though it seemed like just one long year of endless unforeseen challenges!

2019 was a year of expansion, we expanded our programs, our core volunteers and our partnerships. We welcomed Sam Bragg, our first AmeriCorps VISTA member to our team. While her term is only a year long, spoiler alert… she stayed for a second season to continue all the capacity and program development she began in 2019!

Working towards running our own conservation corps crew in the 2020 season we were able to use the planning and knowledge gained to set up and support other programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth throughout the country. Partnering with the USFS, PDSD and AZSDB we created the AZ Stewardship Project. In partnership with Southeast Conservation Corps we set up the first ASL Inclusion Crew within their youth programs. Our Outdoor Ambassador program expanded across the country and closing out the year we hosted our Second Annual Sol Fest raising over $3,000.

We are looking forward to how these programs will grow and expand in the years to come, looking back we are thankful for the strong foundation we laid in 2019.

Thank you for all your support and action you have taken to conserve, protect, and restore the outdoors so that everyone can enjoy our beautiful nature.

Best,

Emma and Sko and Sam
Partnered with Southeast Conservation Corps to set up their first ever ASLi Crew
- Recruited Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth and young adults
- Developed recruitment and training materials
- Provided in person training in ASL for Crew Leaders
- Visited crew and facilitated end of season debrief
- Supported the hiring of 1 Deaf and 1 CODA crew leader
- Supported the hiring of 12 Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth crew members
ARIZONIA STEWARDSHIP
PROJECT

- Set up ASP with a grant form the USFS and partnership with AZCC
- Provided 6 high school students from PDSD and ASDB stewardship experience
- Completed ****
- Developed curriculum focused on the local environment and to develop participant’s Job readiness skills
- Provided training in outdoor skills including LNT and basic camping

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ARIZONA YOUTH
Partnersed with Maryland Out of School Time (MOST) to hire our first AC VISTA Member, Sam Bragg

In 2019, Sam was able to support us in many ways:

- Presented at Women of the Wild Retreat and AORE/AEE National Conference
- Developed recruitment, hiring and outreach materials and procedures for CorpsTHAT's conservation corps crew.
- Created videos of outdoor content
- Connected with and volunteered for local organizations such as Blue Water Baltimore, Carrie Murray Nature center and Bridging Hands Camp
MEET THE AMBASSADORS

Portland, OR

Auburn, CA

Portland, ME

Rochester, NY

Twin Cities, MN

Washington, DC

OUTDOOR RECREATION

- 6 Locations for Outdoor Ambassador Events
- 8 Outdoor Ambassadors
- 1 OA Ambassador Hired by CorpsTHAT
- 24 events hosted by Ambassadors
- Reached 500+ community members

We also hosted 3 interns from Towson University Deaf Studies Program who helped endlessly with events, programs and our fundraisers!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019

CorpsTHAT is run entirely by volunteers. The important work we do could not be accomplished without all the support from all of our community members, sponsors and supporters! Thank you!
CORPSTHAT 2019 EVENTS

- Women of the Wilderness Presentation
- Some Outdoor Ambassador Events: included:
  - Auburn Overlook Park
  - Roberts Farm Preserve
  - Patterson Park Ice Skating
  - Mendon Ponds
  - Folsom Lake Recreation Area
  - Powell Butte
  - Indoor Rock Climbing
- Moved into a new office space in Baltimore!
- Gallaudet University Career Fair
- Delaware School for the Deaf- Deaf Youth Day
- CorpsTHAT’s Annual Environmental Booth Fair
- Attended International Trail Symposium
- Tabled at 258 ST. Festival
- Provided Crew Leader Training for SECC
- Maryland Milestone Streetcar 82 Heritage Tour
- Created Promo video for Rocky Mountain Youth Corps ASLi Crews
- Visited SECC’s ASLi Crews and facilitated end of year debrief
- Set up Arizona Stewardship Project
- Attended Yosemite National Park Deaf Service Center 40th anniversary
- Provided environmental educational activities for Bridging Hands Camp
- Volunteer Tree Planting with Blue Water Baltimore
- Our first VISTA member joined our team!
- Trained CorpsTHAT’s staff in LNT Master Educator
- Trained CorpsTHAT in Project Wild curriculum
- Ran 3 ASL classes for NPS PWR employees
- Attended Corps Randevu
- Presented at the International AORE/AEE
- Hosted 2nd annual Sol Fest