

# CONSERVATION CORPS NORTH BAY

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## Corpsmember Profile: Reginald S.

Reggie had a rough time before coming to Conservation Corps North Bay. He was homeless, lived in a shelter for awhile and then was couch surfing when he first joined our Summer Youth Ecology Corps program in the summer of 2015. After the summer program, he was invited to participate in CCNB's year-round program.



He had challenges in our program, and gives credit to guidance from his teachers with helping him to turn around his attitude and stay with the work. He tries hard, and that is the most important factor in succeeding in our program.

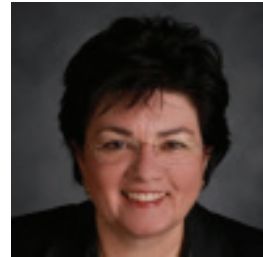
He has been working on a Natural Resource Crew since last fall, and is also taking classes at College of Marin. He was able to register at CoM with help from one of his ESL teachers, who helped him to order his high school transcripts and complete the application. His interests are wide-ranging, and particularly include music.

Reggie went from having a difficult time to being one of CCNB's best workers. In fact, in June he was selected for an internship with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area! He is interested in permanent work with a land management agency like the GGNRA, and this internship will certainly give him a leg up when he begins to look for a permanent position.

Our staff really like and support Reggie! We're proud of him for his tenacity and progress, and expect great things of him in the future.

*From the CEO's Desk*

## Creating a Positive Future



### INSIDE

Graduation is coming!

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More than ever young people need a place where they can thrive and feel safe to follow their dreams. These days the minute we turn on our phones, listen to the radio or watch television we are bombarded with another recent shooting or attack. In this climate, it is difficult to create the type of hope for the future that encourages a young adult to do the hard work needed to complete his/her education and develop the skills needed to compete in the job market.

Our corpsmembers work diligently every day to make positive changes in their futures. Many of them are facing challenges in their personal lives that make this very difficult. More times than I like to admit when I have asked a young person what they want to be doing in five years the answer has been, "I hope I'm alive in five years." If that is what someone is thinking how in the world do they get the motivation to work hard on becoming all they can be?

At CCNB we work with our corpsmembers to build a support system that inspires hope. Hope that we ALL will still be here five years from now. We work tirelessly to make our communities better and to save our planet. We instill a belief that we can be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Our staff members care deeply for the youth they work with and lose sleep if someone on their team is suffering. We provide a "family" of people who genuinely cares about the success of each individual.

An annual event that always inspires hope is our high school graduation ceremony. Many of our graduates had given up on their education. Watching them proudly glowing in wearing their caps and gowns is an amazing experience. So if you need a little inspiration come on out to our celebration on October 1st (see page 3). You will be happy that you did!

*Marilee Eckert*

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## COMMUNITY RECYCLING CREWS

### RECYCLING CREWS ARE "GREENING" PUBLIC EVENTS!

Our Community Recycling Crews are busily staffing public events for nearly every weekend through September! Diverting tons of waste from landfills, corpmembers also educate attendees at events like NASCAR and NHRA races and the Marin County Fair about what can be recycled and how they can help reduce waste. Go CRC!

**Community Recycling Crews are available for your event! Contact CCNB with inquiries.**

Visit [www.ccnorthbay.org/conservation/community-recycling-crews/](http://www.ccnorthbay.org/conservation/community-recycling-crews/)



### BUY OUR ORGANIC PRODUCE!

Find an abundance of certified organic fruits and vegetables from the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden at the Saturday Farm Stand! 10am—2pm. We also sell at the Thursday evening Farmers Market at the Marin Civic Center.

The Farm is on the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, at 1800 Ignacio Boulevard. Parking is available at the end of campus in lot 6; parking in lot 6 is now free. Walk past the left side of the athletic field to the entrance. *Please remember to bring your own bags as we do not supply them.*

Come out and see us!

### IT'S EASY TO GIVE!

Just scan this code with the barcode scanner on your phone to go to CCNB's donation web page!



## GRADUATION IS COMING!

*CCNB High School Grads celebrate on October 1*

At CCNB our corpsmembers not only gain work skills and experience, they also complete their high school educations. Many of them are the first in their families to achieve this goal, and it was one they had thought they could never accomplish.

Please join us at the Carole Ellis Auditorium on the Petaluma campus of Santa Rosa Junior College on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 3–5:00 to celebrate with our new graduates and their families! It's a heartwarming evening of dreams achieved and careers begun. **Please RSVP** if you plan to attend to Mark at [mgreen@ccnorthbay.org](mailto:mgreen@ccnorthbay.org), or call (415) 454-4554 ext. 274, or (707) 303-3069.

*If you would like to send a congratulatory message to our graduates, please email it to the address above.*

*Thank you! We hope to see you there!*



## SUPPORTER SURVEY

We're always working to better serve our corpsmembers and communities. Please take a moment to answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper, and forward your reply in the envelope provided.

1. Describe CCNB in one sentence.
2. List words and phrases you would use to describe us to a friend.
3. What's the greatest benefit CCNB provides to the community?
4. Why do you give?

*Thanks for your feedback!*

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XM8CPKP>

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ABOUT CCNB

Since our inception in 1982, CCNB has helped more than 12,000 young men and women break the cycle of poverty while serving our environment and communities.

We provide year-round job training and education services to 250 youth every year. Our programs prepare young people from all corners of the North Bay to become environmental leaders, to develop an ethic of service and to enter the workforce with useful skills.

CCNB volunteers and corpsmembers have performed nearly three million hours of work on 150,000 acres of public lands. If you haven't seen them scattered throughout the region doing their work, you've seen the results of their labors in pristine trails, clear rivers and streams, reduced flooding, fewer wildfires, and reduced carbon footprint.

In short, at CCNB we teach young adults with uncertain futures to create a better future for all of us.

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