

## Want to get involved?

*Want experience with a nonprofit?*

*Want to build your skills and make yourself more competitive?*

*Want to gain valuable experience in the environmental field?*

With the Appalachian Coal Country Team's OSM/VISTA program you'll gain valuable experience with fundraising, grant writing, organizing volunteers, environmental monitoring, community outreach, education and professional development. OSM/VISTAs commit to one year of service, and in return, receive a modest living stipend, health coverage, professional development, child care assistance (if eligible), student loan forbearance (with interest paid), and the choice of an education award or cash stipend upon term completion.

*If you are interested in learning more about our program or applying for an OSM/VISTA position as part of the ACCT, please contact our office today!*

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An OSM/VISTA Initiative



**Serving communities impacted  
by environmental degradation**



## About the Team

The **Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT)** is a coalition of community and watershed improvement groups, confronting the challenges that remain from historic mining throughout Appalachia. The ACCT addresses environmental degradation through community improvement— providing rural mining communities with the skills and capacity they need to make their neighborhoods better places to live and work. The ACCT began as a collaborative initiative between the **Office of Surface Mining (OSM)** and **AmeriCorps VISTA** (Volunteers in Service to America) in 2002, placing determined OSM/VISTA members in rural mining communities. The ACCT currently serves seven Appalachian states: KY, MD, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV and works closely with sister organization, the Western Hardrock Watershed Team based out of Colorado.



### As an OSM/VISTA you can make a difference

OSM/VISTAs work on assignments that address AmeriCorps VISTA's mission of **fighting poverty** and **building organizational capacity** while also addressing local **environmental issues**.

As an OSM/VISTA you will:

- Commit to one year of service;
- Address critical needs in rural mining communities;
- Conduct environmental monitoring;
- Recruit and train volunteers;
- Plan community events;
- Coordinate fundraisers and apply for grants;
- Attend professional trainings and conferences;
- Work with the media;
- Gain non-profit experience; and
- Join a network of more than 20 other OSM/VISTAs.



## Team Goals

The ACCT and the OSM/VISTA members work to address the following Core Goals:

- 1) Build Local Capacity
- 2) Engage Economic Redevelopment
- 3) Promote Environmental Stewardship
- 4) Enhance Outreach and Education
- 5) Promote Professional Development

The Core Goals serve as a guide for OSM/VISTA duties, which may include fundraising, volunteer recruitment and coordination, brownfields redevelopment projects, developing educational workshops for youth and engaging community members in various projects.



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