**2026-27 Environmental Education Corps**

# About Serving with the eeCorps at Dinosaur Ridge

**About AmeriCorps:** AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs through which members commit their time and efforts to addressing critical community needs by increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, fighting poverty, sustaining national parks, preparing for disasters, and much more. AmeriCorps provides opportunities to improve lives and foster civic engagement all across the country.

**About eeCorps:** Led by the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE), the Environmental Education Corps (eeCorps) Program places AmeriCorps members at organizations throughout Colorado to focus on increasing environmental literacy for PreK-12 students and implementing the goals outlined in the Colorado Environmental Education Plan. AmeriCorps members serving with the eeCorps provide direct service to improve outcomes in Environmental Stewardship and Education.

**About eeCorps Staff:**



eeCorps Program Coordinator Erin Dreps grew up in Michigan, where they found a love of nature while camping in the woods and swimming in the Great Lakes. They attended the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability to learn how best to inspire others to care for the environment the way they do, and have spent the years since in various roles in the EE field. When not supporting AmeriCorps members serving with the eeCorps, Erin can often be found biking the trails around their home in Denver, doing household projects or gardening in their backyard, watching soccer, or relaxing on the couch with their wife and cat and a good book.

**About Serving with the eeCorps:**

"The best thing about serving with the eeCorps was being a part of a great cohort and getting a feel for the wider environmental education effort in Colorado." – Isaiah, 23-24

"Because I served with the eeCorps, I found the career that is right for me and gained solid experience that has made me a stronger, more adaptable educator." –Rosie, 23-24

"[After serving with the eeCorps] I feel that I now have real world experience that I can use to apply to new positions and allow me to take opportunities I would not have without serving." –Haley, 23-24

"[As a result of my service] I have learned that I am capable of anything that I put my mind to. With practice and hard work, I have grown so much as an educator and team member and I am very excited to see how much I continue to grow … This position has reaffirmed my love for environmental education. I can't see myself in any other career right now." –Grace M, 23-24 and 24-25

"Because I served with the eeCorps, thousands of children have built a connection to nature, which will ripple into all parts of living." –eeCorps member 2021-22

"Because I served with the eeCorps, I feel more confident taking my next steps professionally." –eeCorps member 2021-22

**About Dinosaur Ridge:**

- Dinosaur Ridge educates and inspires wonder in visitors of all backgrounds about the science and history of the fossils and geological heritage found at Dinosaur Ridge, Triceratops Trail, and related paleontology sites. We practice responsible stewardship with a strong commitment and urgency to preserve the fossils and natural resources for future generations.
- Located near the Dakota Hogback in Morrison, Colorado, Dinosaur Ridge engages all visitors as they experience the wonder of science and history through the unparalleled concentration of paleontological heritage, including the #1 Dinosaur Tracksite in the United States.

**About the Dinosaur Ridge Team:**



**Erin LaCount, Education Programs Director:**
Erin began visiting Dinosaur Ridge as a young child with her grandparents in the early 1990s, had her high school senior portrait taken on the Ridge, held her wedding reception at the Main Visitor Center, and in April 2027 will celebrate her 25th year on staff. You might say she lives and breathes Dino Ridge and is certainly the person with more institutional knowledge than anyone, serving as our internal fact-checker and source of truth. She has overseen Education Programs since 2012 and will be the primary supervisor for this position.

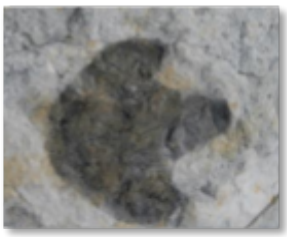
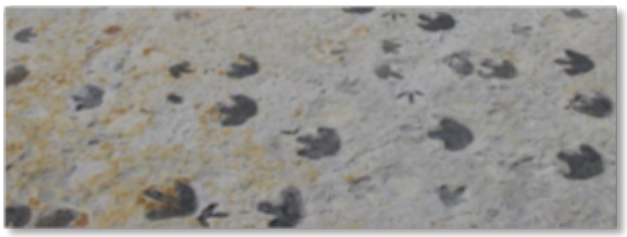


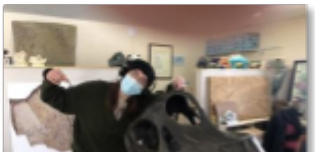
**Barbara Farley, Director of Volunteers & Program Growth:**
Barbara Farley has overseen volunteer efforts, educational program growth, and evaluation for Dinosaur Ridge since 2017. She has many years of experience working in environmental and experiential education, program development and management, and volunteer coordination. In her free time, she enjoys camping, hiking, traveling, gardening and cooking.

**About Serving at Dinosaur Ridge:**

- Serving at Dinosaur Ridge introduces you to the fascinating prehistory and inhabitants of Colorado. You will meet passionate and knowledgeable patrons, volunteers, students, campers, and staff where every day is different. There is so much to learn about the world and its history through the wonder and curiosity of dinosaurs at Dinosaur Ridge!
- Continued education in related science and outdoor education topics as well as diversity, equity and inclusion training and discussions are offered on a regular basis.
- Complimentary and discounted admission to education programs, speaker's bureaus, special events, adult field trips are offered.
- Additional benefits include a 30% discount in the gift shop and 1 complimentary daily snack or drink from our gift shop.

**About the Community of Dinosaur Ridge:**




Dinosaur Ridge is a group of dedicated fun-loving community of staff and volunteers committed to the vision of engaging all visitors as they experience the wonder of science and history through the unparalleled concentration of paleontology treasures, including the #1 Dinosaur Tracksite in the United States.

Dinosaur Ridge has earned the Candid Seal of Transparency which is given to nonprofits that are committed to transparency and inclusivity. Visit our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile to find up-to-date information about our people, recent financials, and general data that goes beyond an IRS Form.

Dinosaur Ridge is located in picturesque Morrison, Colorado just south of Golden and ~20-30 minutes southwest of Denver (demographics for Jefferson County, Golden, and Denver). The Main Visitor Center is located on the East side of Dinosaur Ridge at 16831 W. Alameda Parkway. The Martin G. Lockley Discovery Center is located on the West side of Dinosaur Ridge at 17681 W. Alameda Parkway near the renowned Red Rocks Amphitheatre. Unfortunately, both locations currently are not accessible via public transportation.

Denver Metro Community Resources:

- Resources/organizations for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities: https://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/resources-and-organizations-bipoc-communities
- Places of Worship: https://studentaffairs.du.edu/sites/default/files/2022-04/local_worship_sites.pdf

Most affordable housing in the Denver-Metro area:

- https://www.movoto.com/guide/denver-co/affordable-denver-suburbs/ (Lakewood and Arvada are the closest to Dinosaur Ridge on this list)
- https://www.apartmenttherapy.com/most-affordable-places-to-live-in-colorado-36710375
- Current Dinosaur Ridge staff live in Golden, Lakewood, North Denver, Littleton, and Aurora. Volunteers come to serve at Dinosaur Ridge from as far away as Thornton and Castle Rock.