



SCA Invasive Species Program

Battling Invaders: SCA's Invasive Species Program

The Student Conservation Association (SCA), a trusted partner to land management agencies since 1957, is actively allied with the National Park Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service, BLM and others in restoring healthy ecosystems and biological diversity by controlling the proliferation of invasive weed species.

At the foundation of SCA's success is a strategy focused on assisting natural resource managers in:

- **Identification** – surveying, inventorying, mapping and monitoring invasive and native plant species utilizing GIS/GPS technologies.
- **Eradication** – implementation of manual, mechanical and chemical treatment methods.
- **Restoration** – collecting and propagating native plant seeds and restoring damaged and altered habitats and landscapes.
- **Education** – raising public awareness of invasive species issues and threats.



SCA Conservation intern removes milfoil on the USACE Upper CT River Basin (VT.)

SCA's 4,000 annual members serve in:

Conservation Internships

College students and adults seeking practical, career experience; serving from 12 weeks to 12 months in a broad array of disciplines.

Conservation Teams

SCA Interns serving as a team under the direction of an SCA Leader, completing large land-based initiatives; serving from 12 weeks to 12 months.

Conservation Crews

High school students serving as a team under the direction of two SCA Leaders, completing labor-intensive, conservation service projects during the summer.

Resource Management Solutions Made Easy!

- ✓ **Recruitment**
SCA members are nationally recruited.
- ✓ **Motivation**
SCA Members are reliable, dependable and motivated to learn and succeed.
- ✓ **Leadership**
Team/Crew Members are selected, trained and supervised by SCA Leaders.
- ✓ **Administrative Oversight**
SCA provides complete administrative oversight for all field-based programs and positions.
- ✓ **Cost Effectiveness**
SCA Members are volunteers supported by cost-share agreements with our partners.

SCA Invasive Species Program Locations Include:

Carlsbad Caverns National Park • Cibola National Wildlife Refuge • Frank Church-RONR Wilderness
 Haleakala National Park • Harpers Ferry National Historical Park • Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
 Pecos National Historical Park • Redwoods National Park • Sumter National Forest

<u>2010 Cost Estimates</u>			
Conservation Interns			
3 month: \$3,975	6 month: \$12,910	9 month: \$17,370	12 month: \$21,830
Conservation Crews			
15 Day: \$18,930	21 Day: \$23,030	30-Day: \$28,630	35-Day: \$32,230
Conservation Teams			
12 Week Team: One 22 Week Project Leader, Five 12 Week Team Members*			
<u>Agency</u> provides housing, vehicles, tools and training Approximately \$80,000		<u>SCA</u> provides housing, vehicles, tools and training Contact SCA	

*This configuration is just one option; Conservation Teams can also serve for longer durations of up to one year in length. SCA will submit invoices based on actual costs incurred which may be less than, or exceed, the above estimates. To view SCA's current cost models, please see SCA's website: <http://www.thesca.org/partners/costs> . To confirm costs for your particular project please contact SCA.

SCA Members contribute 1.6 million hours – 200,000 days – of service each year and in addition to invasive species management, serve in a multitude of natural and cultural resource areas including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Biology • Botany • Ecological Restoration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Education • Fire Management • Fisheries Management • Forestry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrology • Interpretation/Living History • Trail Maintenance • Wildlife Management |
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“The contributions of SCA to our exotic plant management program are invaluable...they are a vital component of our strategy, a dependable extension of Park resources, and a pleasure to work with.”

-Linda Drees
 Chief, Invasive Species Branch
 National Park Service

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