



SPEAK FOR THE TREES Boston

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TEEN URBAN TREE CORPS, 2023

Job Position: Youth Member

Help build a sustainable, green, and healthy environment in Boston!

Overview

Speak for the Trees, Boston, aims to improve the size and health of Boston's urban forest, especially in under-resourced and under-canopied neighborhoods. In TUTC, you will learn about the importance of trees in urban communities, engage in hands-on learning, and develop valuable skills and connections in the world of urban forestry. By taking care of Boston's street trees you will be contributing to a greener, more climate resilient, and more equitable Boston.

In 2022, two goals were made for teens:

- 1) Providing education in the field of urban forestry.
- 2) Providing care to street trees in Dorchester.

Teens were introduced to the field of urban forestry in various ways that included field trips to green spaces in Boston, guest speakers, and lessons in topics of environmentalism and urban forestry. In providing care to street trees, teens had watered over 200 trees over six weeks. At the end of the summer, a day of mulching was also held where teens mulched just under 100 trees.

This year, the 6-week program will continue with these two goals. Through various trips and activities, teens will gain skills in urban forestry and learn about the importance of urban trees and how to plant, care for, and advocate for trees. The work of providing care to street trees will also continue, while expanding our tree mulching goals. Teens will also continue making connections in the world of urban forestry through various field trips and meetings with guest speakers.

The program will run for 6 weeks from late June through early to mid August (exact dates to be determined); 25 hours per week at \$15/hour. The program will meet daily at our office at the Fields Corner Business Lab, 1452 Dorchester Avenue 4th floor, Dorchester, MA 02122. *This position is only open to Boston residents between the ages of 14 - 18.*

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Learn from civic, environmental, and arboricultural professionals on the importance of urban trees.
- Learn and apply skills in arboriculture and forestry, including identification, tree planting, and tree care.
- Develop outreach material to learn what your friends, neighbors, and leaders think about trees.
- Provide care 3 days a week to street trees in Dorchester that includes, watering, mulching, and weeding.

Ideal Candidate For This Job

- Positive attitude, flexible, humble, adaptable and coachable. No previous work experience necessary!
- Strong interest in being a team player.
- Able to learn safe practices and make good judgments related to safety.
- Strong communication skills
- Able to work independently.
- Is a team player and can collaborate with others.
- Interested in engaging with residents about environmental and public health.



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- Creative, flexible, and critical thinker
- Loves green spaces and healthy communities
- Committed to social justice, racial equity, and climate resilience
- Comfortable using computers and smartphone applications
- Bilingual fluency welcomed!
- Able to lift 50 lbs.
- Able to walk 2-3 miles per day.

For more info, questions, or an application, please contact Joshua Reed at Joshua@treeboston.org