The Student Conservation Association’s mission is to **BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS** and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land.

**conservation begins here.**

It’s Our Job, Every Day

It happens every day, all over our great country. A 19-year-old in Louisville. A 20-year-old in Des Moines. A 16-year-old in Nome. Every day our youth want to do something important with their lives, and begin to ask, “Who am I?” and “Who do I want to become?” At the same time, every day our parks and natural resources fall into disrepair and are depleted. Today we stand at a critical point in time where the desire to do something can be met with the need to preserve and protect our environment. SCA is there.

Every day SCA unites young people with hands-on environmental challenges. Every day we create future stewards of our land, healthier environments and—ultimately—a better world.
SCA provides opportunities for young people to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Every year we motivate and deploy thousands of young people who care passionately about improving their natural world. We put them to work in our parks, public lands, and urban green spaces to make improvements and learn conservation and sustainability practices. We teach them how to plan, enact, and lead, all while making a tangible impact in conservation.

SCA MEMBERS ARE

Age 15 to young adults

High school and college students, or recent graduates interested in green careers

From all 50 states and from all socio-economic backgrounds

Today’s SCA volunteers are TOMORROW’S LEADERS.

The lessons we impart stay with these young volunteers as their experiences ripple out into all they do throughout their lives.

96% OF MEMBERS have gained skills that they expect to use in the future

TENS OF THOUSANDS of alumni—from park superintendents to EPA scientists to urban planners—can trace their career beginnings to their time with SCA.

SCA alumni make up an estimated 12% of the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WORKFORCE

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