

AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region Campus



About Aurora

Aurora, just east of Denver proper but part of the Denver Metro Area, is on its own Colorado's third-largest city and the 52nd most populous city in the United States. Mostly suburban in character, Aurora is nestled between Denver's skyscrapers and city lights and the expansive grasslands of eastern Colorado. With 300 days of sunshine in a year and an official elevation of 5,471 feet – more than Denver's famous "Mile High" status – bring your sunscreen and water bottle, and get ready to enjoy some time outside.

Lodging



Corps Members live in dorm rooms while on campus for training and transition weeks. The layout and amenities of each dorm room differs, but members can expect to have one XL twin mattress, likely as part of a bunk bed, and a storage locker. The rooms in one residential building house 2-4 members per room while rooms in the other building house 10-28 members per room. All roommates in both buildings are of the same gender, and will be assigned upon arrival. Bathrooms are communal, gym-style facilities with stalled toilets and showers. Team Leaders live in a different part of campus than Corps Members and share a room with one other person. The campus has free laundry facilities (just bring your own detergent), kitchens where they'll prepare and eat meals, outdoor courtyards with picnic tables, lounges where members can watch movies or play games, and indoor and outdoor basketball courts, in addition to the nature trail.

The Southwest Region supports service projects in 9 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming.

Things to do

The Southwest Region campus is surrounded by activities and adventures for members during their free time while on campus. There is a nature trail



around the campus itself, which offers a view of the mountains. Cherry Creek State Park and reservoir is just about a mile west of campus, which has trails and a swim beach. Members often take the light rail electric train into downtown Denver to grab a bite to eat or check out a museum or sporting event. They may drive over to the famous Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison for a show, or go walk around in Boulder, home to the University of Colorado. And of course, the front range of the Rocky Mountains is less than 30 miles to the west, so members may head for the hills for a hike, to see snow for the first time, or just to appreciate the natural beauty. Though members assigned to the Southwest Region will travel to projects throughout the nine-state region, likely only spending about 10-40% of their time in Colorado, they certainly never mind "coming home" to Aurora.