

# SCA Needs Hard Working Volunteers

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Imagine spending 12 weeks surveying marine wildlife by sea kayak in Alaska's Chugach national Forest, mapping archaeological sites in the canyon de Chelly National Monument, banding cranes and songbirds in the Modoc National Wildlife refuge, or photographing caves in Idaho's Craters of the Moon National Monument.

These are some of the 1,200 expense-paid positions being offered by the Student Conservation Association (SCA) throughout the year in public lands and natural and cultural resources. Working hand-in-hand with natural resource professionals, Resource Assistants (RAs) provide invaluable assistance with land stewardship and wildlife conservation projects in more than 290 national parks and wildlife refuges as well as state and private lands.

"We provide a public service while providing an experience that volunteers never forget," says SCA

Resource Assistant Program Director Wallace Elton. "They learn about themselves and often what they want to do with their future. Many alumni say this is a life-changing experience for them."

More than 15,000 Student Association Resource Assistants have participated in a variety of conservation and restoration projects since the organization's founding in 1957. Typical assignments include but are not limited to air and water monitoring, ecological restoration, endangered species protection, natural resources management.

SCA Resource Assistants also have been involved in assessing the damage to plants, wildlife, and shoreline from the major oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound; aiding fire recovery efforts in Yellowstone National Park; and working with the Puerto Rican Parrot recovery project to help save this endangered species from extinction.

The three-month Resource Assis-

tant positions typically include one to two weeks of intensive training on the site at the beginning of the program. Training will be specific to the job being performed and may include first aid and safety training.

Program applicants choose from a catalog of detailed positions descriptions provided to SCA by cooperating agencies, such as National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Positions in Alaska and Hawaii are typically the most popular. Applications are screened by the SCA and agency officials to match expertise with available openings.

Although the positions are voluntary, SCA Resource Assistants receive funds to cover their travel to and from the site, and food expenses as well as free housing. Housing can range from tent camps to apartments. In exchange, volunteers are expected to work the equivalent of 40 hours per week. There also is plenty of time for exploring,

writing, and relaxing in some of America's most beautiful lands.

SCA Resource Assistants must be at least 18 years old. Most are college students exploring careers in conservation, and many earn academic credit for their work experience.

Applications received by the following date increase the chance of acceptance for a position in the program:

June 1, 1995 Positions beginning Aug. & Sept. 1995

Additional opportunities will be available during the winter and spring of 1996.

For more information about the Resource Assistant Program, contact: the Student Conservation association, P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, NH 03603-0550, (603) 543-1700.

## How To Prepare For Finals

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With the year coming to an end, do you know how to prepare for finals?

Most students already understand the seriousness of finals. In most classes, 20% of the grade depends on the last week of school. College counselor, Dee Dasburg, has pointed out three key things to help students study during finals.

The most important point is to be realistic. You should not cram before tests. Study each night for two or three hours and set your goals.

The second step is to eat right and sleep well. Get a good amount of sleep and eat some breakfast in the morning.

Most importantly, students should not try to study all night for their exams; their schedule should be balanced.

The third point is to think positive. Go into your exam with your head up.

Since this is a small school, take time to talk to your teacher if you don't understand the review. It might even be a good idea to check your grades. Most teachers will take time out of their schedule to meet with you.

Dasburg's one last piece of advice to those gearing up for the year's end is, "Don't blow off exams; this is your life!"

## Music Summer Camp At Brevard

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On June 27, Brevard's Music Center will open its doors to a six and one half week summer music camp. Several of Brevard College students are

planning to attend. All ages between 13-35 are welcome. The Music Center will present up to fifty-five concerts throughout the summer.

The Music Center has many things to offer to their campers. Big name

artists such as Beverly Sills, Vladimir Feltsman, and the US Army Brass

Quintet will make guest appearances. The campers will also be able to enjoy recreational activities such as canoeing,

swimming and basketball. There will also be major colleges here to recruit the musicians.

Over the summer session, the students from the band and orchestra are eligible to play in the two ensembles and perform at least twelve concerts.



## BC music students to Austria for summer

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Brevard music students will head off to Austria this summer. The music study trip, which is headed by Dr. Laura McDowell, will begin May 16. They will return June 12.

David Kirby will take five students to Innsbruck, Vienna, Salzburg, Eisenstadt, and Altmunster. They will also visit Fertod which is in Hungary. When the students arrive, they will meet Professor Zednik who will take them to see major concerts and musi-

cians. They will also visit the places where Beethoven, Mozart, and Haydn performed. Some students will be lucky enough to get a chance to perform their musical talents.

Not only will the students learn a lot about music, they will also get a chance to sight-see throughout the country. The students will stay in vacation apartments and in youth hostels.

Each student will earn seven hours credit which will help prepare them for the fall semester.

## New Bicycle Club Created

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ALTAMONT CYCLING FEDERATION is a new organization for bicycle riders in Western North Carolina. The club will blanket the LAND OF SKY RACING TEAM and the SMOKEY MTN. TOURING CO. and will

serve as the advocacy sector of the two clubs. Plans are underway for the development of an educational program on safety and skills program for young cyclists. Presently, a bi-monthly newsletter is produced to inform members of special events, race news, projects and ride offerings. For membership information, call 704-253-2800 or 1-800-2-SPOKES.