

Journal #2: Describe your AmeriCorps or VISTA experience

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1. In my service, I am able to work well by myself and with others. I also use good safety practices. I am skilled at planting trees and showing volunteers how to use tools the right way.
2. I am most proud of the northside wetland project, where we put more than 3,000 seedlings in the ground -- all in one day! Of course, we had dozens and dozens of volunteers there to help us.
3. I wish we could have spent less time riding around in the van. Then again, van time was one of the ways we got to know one another and become friends.
4. I believe our team made a difference. Even if we didn't plant a single tree, we pulled out tons and tons of blackberries and other weed species from stream-banks all over this city. If not for us, there would still be blackberries everywhere.
5. I've changed as a person in that I can share what I've learned with AmeriCorps with my family. It doesn't make sense why we do what we do in AmeriCorps, so I explain it to them.
6. I've changed as a community member in that I am always telling people how important it is that we grow trees in the city and especially near water. Trees help keep the streams clean.
7. I always work hard, but it's not easy for me to get to van on time every morning. I am getting better than I used to be!

