

Cavalcade of Cool Co-ops and Internships

College of DuPage Cooperative Education and Internship Program

- Rebecca Wilkening
- Americorps*NCCC
- Americorps*NCCC Southeast Region
Charleston, SC



In my internship with Americorps*NCCC, I have been able to get paid, earn college credit, and travel to benefit communities in the southeast region from disaster relief to environmental projects. I have been able to



meet a diverse group of people in my travels, as well as being introduced to diverse cultures. In these past eight and a half months I have been given leadership roles that test my abilities, yet

have strengthened me. I worked in the town of

St. Bernard's Parish, Louisiana, and led groups of volunteers to rebuild homes in areas which have been devastated by hurricane Katrina.

Although I have been challenged and stretched out of my comfort zone, I have been rewarded in many ways. These ways include more confidence with my leadership, work ethic, and teamwork abilities. This experience of traveling has broadened my mind more than I would have thought possible in just eight and a half months.