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With public service in the news lately, Paul Rose, Huron Pines Treasurer, got to thinking about one of our nation's largest national service programs, the Civilian Conservation Corps.

How much of the \$30 per month wage paid to Michigan's Civilian Conservation Corps workers in 1933 was required to be sent home to parents and families?

See the [answer](#). Learn how you can be involved in national service through [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#).

Below is the 3/18/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

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- Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Education Day this Saturday
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NEW! AmeriCorps Member Positions Open

Develop as a professional in the conservation community and activate the spirit of volunteerism during a six-month term of service (May – October) in the Huron Pines AmeriCorps: Developing Leaders in Conservation program. With a living stipend and some attractive benefits, this program provides an opportunity to have a real impact on the area, focusing on much-needed conservation projects in the under-represented area of Northeast Michigan and Saginaw Bay. Positions are available in Gaylord, Atlanta and Bay City.

Learn more about the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) program. To view all the application details, [click here](#) or download the [application](#).

For more information, please contact Lisha Ramsdell at lisha@huronpines.org or (989) 344-0753 x29.

Pigeon River Habitat Initiative- 2009 Update

The Pigeon River Habitat Initiative (PRHI) was formed in 2001 with a goal to work with private landowners bordering on or near the Pigeon River Country State Forest ([click here to view a map](#)) to protect the ecological characteristics and diversity of wildlife, and to maintain and improve corridors wildlife need to thrive. Huron Pines is gearing up for

an exciting year for the project with many opportunities for private landowners to improve wildlife habitat on their property. To learn more about the project, visit [Pigeon River Habitat Initiative](#). To learn what's new this year, download the [2009 Project Update](#).

Through the PRHI, a free service to interested landowners is available. A habitat specialist, employed by Huron Pines in Grayling, can meet with landowners and provide information regarding resource conservation and potential cost share programs.

If you own property near the Pigeon River Country State Forest and are interested in scheduling a free site visit, contact Eric Nelson at 989-344-0753 ext 14.

THIS SATURDAY- Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Education Day

On Saturday, March 21, the [Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#) in Alpena will be hosting a water cycle education day. The event will run from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit with our [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members while learning how to improve water quality and enjoying the sunshine.

Help Identify and Protect Michigan's Native Wildlife

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is creating a system to protect Michigan's native wildlife and habitat. The initial phase includes public input to identify high quality areas and areas that could be considered high quality if managed properly over the next few decades. The Department of Natural Resources is seeking recommendations of areas with high quality native plant and animal communities for inclusion in a statewide network of Biodiversity Stewardship Areas (BSA).

If you know of an area or areas you feel should be dedicated to protection and restoration, please attend one of the upcoming workshops or send the information to the DNR.

The workshops will be held:

- Tuesday, March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Dr. in Traverse City
- Wednesday, March 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 100 of the Otsego County Building, 225 W. Main in Gaylord
- Thursday, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Delta College Planetarium, 100 Center Ave. in Bay City

For more information, go [MDNR Biodiversity Conservation](#) or view the [Recommendation Form](#).

Please contact Amy Clark Eagle at (517) 335-3351 or eagle@michigan.gov with any questions.

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Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

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