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## MMWD AmeriCorps Intern Recognized as “Corpsmember of the Month”

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It takes a lot of hands to keep the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed beautiful, healthy and accessible to the public. In addition to countless volunteers and students, we couldn't do it without the help of the Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB). For over 25 years corpsmembers have helped to maintain trails and fuel breaks, restore habitat, monitor invasive species, lead school field trips and more.

Recently, corpsmember and current MMWD intern Kathryn Deery was recognized as “Corpsmember of the Month” by CCNB. Kathryn manages the water district's Turtle Observer program, which trains volunteers to monitor habitat conditions for the Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*), record turtle behavior, and educate the public about this federally listed “vulnerable species.” Her outreach efforts for the program this spring were so successful she added a second training session to accommodate the tremendous response. In addition, Kathryn co-leads the district's Invasive Aquatic Survey program, gives classroom presentations, works with high school students on field science labs, teaches recycling lessons, engages with families at our Saturday habitat restoration events—even [writes for our blog](#) when she can find the time.

Before joining CCNB, Kathryn studied environmental science at the University of Michigan. She plans to attend graduate school eventually—after more fun, outdoor environmental work!



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Kathryn, our other amazing current AmeriCorps intern Marisa Evans, and all our other corpsmembers over the years have done so much to protect and restore Mt. Tamalpais—and to connect students, parents, volunteers and others with the watershed on which we depend. Congratulations and thank you to all of them!

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**Dave Phelps**



on April 18, 2010 at 3:29 am

Thanks tons to Kathryn, CCNB, and MMWD! Those western pond turtles need all the help they can get. I just re-read the story on them in the latest Bay Nature magazine. It's great to hear about so much great work and outreach happening in our Watershed. Awesome!

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