

JOB SUMMARY: VOLUNTEER HISTORICAL INTERPRETER

Seasonal historical interpreters share the stories of Northeastern Wisconsin with visitors of all ages through demonstrations, presentations, storytelling, and performances. They work within a variety of historic buildings, wear period appropriate clothing, and demonstrate traditional skills and crafts. Historic interpreters report to the Director of Engagement.

Primary Duties

- Learn historical material related to one or more areas of the park and be able to take training/direction from senior interpreters and staff
- Use third-person interpretation to informally engage with visitors of all ages
- Utilize special skills (listed below) to perform living history demonstrations
- Wear, care for, and clean historically accurate clothing, props, and buildings
- Conduct guided tours of specific buildings and/or tram tours of the park
- Provide excellent, friendly customer service
- Other duties as assigned

Special Skills

Experience in or a strong desire to learn skills in one or more of the following areas: blacksmithing, print making, textile art, carpentry, historic cooking, historical reenacting, farming/gardening, music (vocal or instrumental), historic firearms, language skills, etc.

Work Environment

This position requires primarily outdoor work which can occur in adverse climate conditions. Work may be performed in poorly lit areas, near open fires, and in areas that vary from quiet to loud. Applicants should be able to lift/carry up to 25 lbs. Accommodations can be made on a case-by-case basis and those in need of accommodation are encouraged to apply.

Work Schedule

This is a part-time, seasonal position that runs from May 3 – October 31, 2022. Historical interpreters are needed:

- Tuesday Friday, 8:30am 4pm, Saturday 9am 4pm, and Sunday noon 4pm in May, September, and October
- Tuesday Saturday, 9am 4pm and Sundays from noon 4pm in June, July and August
- Additional hours may be required for special events

To apply as a Volunteer Historical Interpreter, please email a cover letter and resume to claire@heritagehillgb.org.