



JOB DESCRIPTION

Historical Interpreter

The Historical Interpreter uses living history methods to demonstrate and teach the chores, tasks, and jobs that were traditionally performed in rural Maine in the 1800s. Interpreters deliver Journey into History educational programs primarily for school children and for the general public during special events.

Interpreters report to the Executive Director with training and mentoring provided by the Director of Interpretation and Training.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:

- Interpret early life in rural Maine giving accurate historical information about the museum buildings and the way people lived during the 1870s.
- Is expected to be knowledgeable about and capable of interpreting chores, tasks and jobs that were traditionally performed by females.
- Understanding Norlands mission and have a basic knowledge of most of Norlands interpretive programs and events.
- Is expected to train for a minimum of two, Journey into History educational programs.
- Demonstrate respect for the artifacts in the museum collection and monitor the same consideration from our guests.
- This position may put the interpreter in heat and sunshine, cold and other weather elements.
- May need to lift moderately heavy articles from time to time.
- Will interpret to a variety of guest populations, especially school groups.
- Is responsible for creating a friendly atmosphere for guests and co-workers.
- Is expected to maintain a good attendance record.
- Read written materials provided for the site and participate in training sessions offered.
- Adhere to period clothing guidelines.
- Attend staff meetings and training related to this role as an interpreter.
- Maintain visitor and site safety during programs. Assist with general site cleanliness.
- Report problems and concerns immediately to the Executive Director or Director of Interpretation and Training.

Qualifications:

Willingness to learn historical material and period activities. Must enjoy people of all ages and feel at ease talking with groups of people. Must be able to stand for several hours at a time and be able to perform light to moderate physical activity. Comfort with managing diverse groups of people and problem solving stressful situations.

Candidates must pass a satisfactory background check.