

Homestead Animal Interpreter Requirements

Job description

Homestead Animal Interpreters will work in the Homestead area both with the public and behind the scenes. These volunteers will complete the required training needed to interpret the Homestead animals to the Museum visitor. Interpreters will be required to work in the Homestead at specified times, providing general topic and themed interpretation presentations, as well as roaming interpretation throughout the Homestead.

Number of adult/teen volunteers Interpreters needed

Unlimited

Time commitment

- Must commit to 6 hours a week during the summer months (the day and times will be the same every week) and 8 hours a month during the school year.
- Cannot miss more than 6 scheduled times.
- Will be required to work 2 special events (times and locations will vary)

Required training

Homestead Animal Interpreters must complete Homestead Animal Interpreters Training and General Interpretive Training. Homestead Animal Interpreters will be required to know basic information about all the animals in the Homestead and construct an information packet/booklet about all of them which will be used as a resource. The packet will be reviewed by Homestead and Wildlife staff prior to being accepted as a resource.

Required training: Must complete 8 hour LHP Interpretive Training and companion materials as well as satisfy Wildlife interpretation requirements. Homestead Animal Interpreters are also responsible for reading and understanding exhibit and animal specific materials as assigned. Homestead Animal Interpreters will be required to know basic information about all the animals in the Homestead as well as the Homestead itself and construct an information packet/booklet about all of them which will be used as a resource. The packet will be reviewed by Homestead and Wildlife staff prior to being accepted as a resource.

Minimum age

14 years of age

Homestead Animal Handler

Job description

The 1880's homestead is a unique opportunity to participate in the care of animals as a Wildlife department volunteer and work within the environment of Living History and its performance requirements. This program runs during *Peak Visitor Season*, which is June through September. If you plan on being gone for three weeks or more during the summer, this position of Farm Animal Crew may not be for you. In order to make this fun and exciting for all participants there will be some requirements that need to be met in order to participate in the care of the horses, goats or chickens in the area.

Bringing animals out for our visitors to see up close or to interact with is a major goal of this program. Program applicants will be trained on the proper handling techniques by the Wildlife staff. Handling abilities will be constantly monitored by the Living History and Wildlife staff

- Have one year of verifiable animal experience with farm animals including horses (please provide references) you will be working with horses, chickens and goats at this time. Other animals may be added as needed.
- Ability to perform physical tasks including, but not limited to, lifting 50 pounds, carrying, stooping, bending, extensive walking, crawling, or climbing and the ability to withstand working outside in the extreme weather conditions typical of Central Oregon during the summer in costume.

Number of adult/teen volunteers needed

10 teens and unlimited number adults. Each exhibit or area of the museum has different requirements TBD by program staff.

Time commitment

- Commit to a set hourly work schedule at the Homestead for six hours at least one day a week.
- Commit to all requirements set by the Living History department for training and costuming.
- Commit to and pass all training by Wildlife staff.
- Have the ability to interact and interpret information about the animals to the public, staff and other volunteers in a polite, helpful and courteous manner while being in costume at the homestead and promoting the mission of the Museum and departments you represent.
- Cheerfully and correctly follow direct orders relating to safety and health requirements.
- Ability to take constructive criticism.
- Willingness to work in any and all areas of the Wildlife department if needed.

- You must find someone to cover your shift in your absence and notify staff if you will not be there on your assigned day. Often repeated excused absences may also cause removal from the program. Two weeks in a row with unexcused absences causes removal from the program.
- Improper following of any safety protocol or written policy may be result in reassignment or release from the program.
- You must comply with all Museum policies, procedures, protocols and safety regulations.

Required training: Must complete 8 hour LHP Interpretive Training and companion materials as well as satisfy Wildlife animal handling requirements. Homestead Handlers are also responsible for reading and understanding exhibit and animal specific materials as assigned. Homestead handlers will be required to know basic information about all the animals in the Homestead as well as the Homestead itself and construct an information packet/booklet about all of them which will be used as a resource. The packet will be reviewed by Wildlife staff prior to being accepted as a resource.

Minimum age

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age-16 years of age if already a member of the Living History department.

Living History Interpreter- 3rd Person, Costumed

Job description: Living History Interpreter- 3rd Person, Costumed, will work in the assigned exhibit areas of the Living History program with the public and behind the scenes. These volunteers will complete the required training needed to conduct interpretive talks demonstrating assigned skills and historical information for the Museum visitor. The interpreters will wear assigned period clothing and accoutrements.

Number of adult/teen volunteers needed: 10 teens and unlimited number adults. Each exhibit or area of the museum has different requirements TBD by program staff.

Time commitment: Must commit one day per week for 4 hours (175 hours annually), same day and time every week. Interpreters cannot miss more than 6 scheduled times/Weeks annually. They are required to work 4 special events (times and locations will vary).

Required training: Must complete 8 hour LHP Interpretive Training and companion materials. Interpreters are also responsible for reading and understanding exhibit specific materials as assigned. Interpreters must shadow staff for a minimum of 16 hours of mentor experience.

Minimum age: 14 years old.

Living History Interpreter- 1st Person, Costumed

Job description: Living History Interpreter- 1st Person, Costumed, will work in the assigned exhibit areas of the Living History program with the public and behind the scenes. These volunteers will complete the required training needed to conduct DRAMATIC interpretive talks demonstrating assigned skills, historical characters and historical information for the Museum visitor. The interpreters will wear assigned period clothing and accoutrements.

Number of adult/teen volunteers needed: Each exhibit or area of the museum has different requirements TBD by program staff. Qualifying for this position is determined by staff who has observed the ability of the interpreter in the third person role. The candidate may also be invited to audition upon demonstration of dramatic talent.

Time commitment: Must commit one day per week for 4 hours (175 hours annually), same day and time every week. Interpreters cannot miss more than 6 scheduled times/Weeks annually. They are required to work 4 special events (times and locations will vary).

Required training: Must complete 12 hour LHP Interpretive Training and companion materials, including character and dramatic score assignments. Interpreters are also responsible for reading and understanding exhibit specific materials as assigned. Interpreters must shadow staff for a minimum of 16 hours of mentor experience. Dramatic piece must be performed for staff prior to appearing before public.

Minimum age: 16 years old or may transfer from 3rd Person at Living History staff discretion.