

**THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM  
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Living History Intern  
**DIVISION:** Living History Department  
**CLASSIFICATION:** 25 HOURS/WEEKLY May-September (unpaid)  
**REPORTS TO:** Living history Interpreter and Senior Living History Interpreter  
**JOB SUMMARY:** Intern is responsible for interpretation of the 1880 High Desert Homestead Ranch and its associated programs. The main duties will include interpreting site for visitors, demonstrating historic features and assisting in daily operations. This will also include the care and interpretation of heirloom animals in period clothing in the 1880 High Desert Homestead Ranch setting. Intern will also assist in program maintenance and other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience with Living History interpretation and methods preferred.
- Experience as either employee or volunteer in a museum setting with cultural history focus.
- Academic related course-work in Theater, History or Anthropology preferred but not required.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work successfully with a diverse group of volunteers.
- Ability to work unsupervised and work in a team environment.
- Ability to work flexible hours and days, including weekends.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and conduct physical work in an agricultural setting for entire shift.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provide Living History interpretive presentations in a variety of settings, including demonstrations, station interpretation, tours and exhibit driven activities.
2. Assist with researching, planning, developing and implementing interpretive program.
3. Produces a research paper to enhance the Living History Program by the end of term as assigned by Senior Living History Interpreter.
4. Assists with daily operation of Living History program with volunteers including signage, props and set-up required.
5. Serves as frontline Living History interpreter in the absence of Senior Living History Interpreter and/or Living History Interpreter.
6. Complies with all Museum policies, procedures, and safety regulations.
7. Performs other tasks and duties as assigned by the Senior Living History Interpreter.
8. Position closes April 15, 2010.