



FORT MEIGS HISTORIC SITE PUBLIC HISTORY INTERNSHIP

Deadline: April 5, 2019

Fort Meigs Historic Site seeks applicants for Living History Internship positions for its 2019 campaign season. Applicants will primarily act as living history interpreters, conduct research, and work on program development. Interns will also have opportunities to experience all aspects of historic site operations, gaining insights to the public history profession. Knowledge of military history is preferred, but not required. Ability to interact with the public is essential.

Fort Meigs is a reconstructed War of 1812 fort, one of the largest of its kind in the country. Over 10,000 visitors participate in Fort Meigs' historical programs every year. The site is operated by the Fort Meigs Association in partnership with the Ohio History Connection.

Interns can expect to work Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from late May to late July. Specific start and end dates will be determined by each intern and site staff. Those interested in this program should review the attached position description and submit letter of intent, resume or CV, and up to three references to Geoff Earnahrt at gearnhart@fortmeigs.org no later than **April 5, 2019**. Please contact Fort Meigs staff at 419-874-4121 with any question.

FORT MEIGS HISTORIC SITE
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Job Title: PUBLIC HISTORY INTERN
FLSA Status: NON-EXEMPT
Pay Range: \$8.55/HR
Schedule: FRIDAY – SUNDAY, MAY – JULY

Created Date: 09/2017
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Job Summary: Join the team at Fort Meigs Historic Site, America's largest wooden fortification. Experience the workings of a public history site while bringing history alive with living history interpretation and visitor-centered educational programs. Gain experience with public speaking and interaction, research, and program development.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Remain focused on providing an outstanding visitor experience at all times
- Learn and communicate the history of Fort Meigs, the War of 1812, American Indians, and early Ohio
- Participate in interpretive and educational operations
- Assist in development and execution of educational and interpretive programs, special events, and other initiatives
- Gain proficiency in the safe and historically correct use of black powder muskets and cannon
- Wear historical clothing (costume) and maintains historically accurate appearance during tours, educational or interpretive programs
- Participate in special events and other activities of an educational or interpretive nature
- Assist with set-up and tear-down of tents, equipment, and other activities for special events
- Perform crowd control and maintenance work involving the guests' safety and the protection of site property
- Interact with visitors on a continual basis
- Conduct tours, educational programs, and interpretive programs both on and off-site
- Learn and performs tasks associated with camp followers or early area settlers
- Gains understanding of historic site operations including administration, maintenance, and retail operations
- Perform light custodial and maintenance duties and other duties as assigned

Qualifications

Education and/or Experience: High school diploma required; at least two years of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university preferred; knowledge of all/some of following preferred: Ohio history, military history, early US history, War of 1812, American Indian history, and/or conflict in Northwest Ohio region

Communication Skills: Ability to effectively communicate verbally with a variety of groups (with or without electronic amplification), to understand and answer questions, to give clear directions and instructions, to prepare written communication and oral briefings; understanding of computers, email and basic office software applications required; normal hearing in order to understand military commands and execute those commands

Technical Skills: Basic understanding of computers and internet; driver's license required

Reasoning Ability: Ability to read and learn historical information, to work independently and on teams, to carry out assigned duties with limited supervision, to reason and think creatively, to create and implement solutions to problems

Physical Demands

Ability to communicate with a varied audience, perform military drill, and drive small maintenance equipment; requires coordination and manual dexterity sufficient to operate black powder weapons; requires prolonged walking, standing, sitting, stooping, bending or twisting; requires wearing historical clothing in all weather conditions; requires, at times, lifting and carrying irregularly shaped objects and loads in excess of 20lbs

Work Environment

Work is performed indoors and outdoors, in all weather conditions; frequent exposure to dust, fire smoke, dirt, water, black powder, loud noises, and smoke from black powder; work involves walking, speaking, and frequent contact with the guests, staff, and volunteers; involves weekend and frequent holiday work; requires wearing period appropriate (costumes) clothing and ability to work within the period clothing guidelines.