

Historic Site Interpreter

Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm: Pathways to Dakota and Pioneer Life

Our Mission at Gibbs Farm is "Experience, Understand, Grow". Through field trips, day camps, and weekend programming we bring mid-19th century Minnesota history to life. The life of Jane Gibbs connects Dakota lifeways to pioneer stories in a way that is accessible and exciting to children and adults. We are seeking applicants for part-time, seasonal Historic Site Interpreter positions who are passionate about public history and love working with children.

Applicants must be available to attend all paid training dates (times may change):

Monday-Friday, April 15 - 19, 2019 from 10:00-3:00

Monday- Friday, April 22 - 26, 2019 from 10:00-3:00

Staff must be able to work a varied schedule of weekdays and weekends May through mid- November. These are seasonal positions, not summer jobs.

Employment Start Date: April 2019/Employment End Date: November 2019

10-20 hours/week Wage: \$13.00/hour

The Role of Historic Site Interpreters:

- Educate school children and site visitors by leading engaging tours for field trips and weekend public programming
- Perform manual tasks which demonstrate the historical lifestyle of the mid-1800s.
- Assist with cleaning and caring for historic structures, grounds, animals and gardens.
- Receive, welcome and orient visitors to the museum's grounds, facility and history.
- Learn site-related historical materials provided by RCHS/Gibbs Farm.
- Lead children in fun activities at summer day camps
- Assists with off-site activities such as school outreaches, parades, etc.
- Perform admissions, retail sales and clerical duties.
- Wear period-style costumes.
- Perform additional related work as assigned.

Minimum qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Excellent interpersonal and oral communication skills.
- Enjoys working with diverse audiences.
- Works well in a team setting.

Desirable qualifications:

- Experience in teaching, museum interpretation, theatre or storytelling.
- Background in working with school-aged children in an education setting.
- College course work in history or anthropology.
- Interest in and willingness to learn about mid-1800s farming and domestic skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Dakota culture and history.
- Understanding of Minnesota native prairie.
- Bilingual

To Apply: Send a cover letter explaining why you would like to work at Gibbs Farm, a recent resume, and three references. E-mail to sammy@rchs.com or mail to Gibbs Farm, 2097 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN 55113. **All applications must be received by Friday, March 1st.**