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## Fort Stanwix Volunteer Opportunity

**Position:** Living History Demonstrator – Cannon Crew

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**Phone number:** (315) 338-7730

**Dates:** Early April through late November

**Suitable For:** Most adults, college age students, responsible teenagers ages 18+

**Difficulty Level:** Average to Difficult



### Job Description:

Have a blast while providing interpretive opportunities to those visiting the fort! Provide talks and demonstrations on cannon, soldier's life, and the siege of Fort Stanwix/Schuyler during the American Revolution. Have fun while providing service.

### Duties:

- Greet park visitors
- Orient and informs park visitors about Fort Stanwix
- Orient park visitors to events and programs
- Answer visitor questions
- Wear period correct 18<sup>th</sup> Century clothing
- Learn and present information on 18<sup>th</sup> Century cannons.
- Volunteers actively and on regular scheduled basis. *Suggested increments include: 1-2 weekends a month, 2-4 special event weekends, or combination of the two.*

### Basic Training Required:

- Orientation to Historic Fort Stanwix/Fort Schuyler w/annual refresher
- Providing Good Customer Service
- Informal Interpretation/Foundations of Interpretation
- Living History Volunteer Orientation to Fort Stanwix National Monument
- Orientation to 1770's Clothing and Accouterments for Men, Women, and Children
- Historic Weapons Safety w/ annual refresher
- *Many others optional!*

### Knowledge/Skills Desired:

- Good communication/interpersonal skills
- Reliability
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups of people or willingness to overcome fears/shyness
- Should enjoy American and/or world history or desire to learn more about it
- Willingness to learn about Fort Stanwix National Monument and other historic locales!
- Willingness to be a team player and work with others

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