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Fort Stanwix Volunteer Opportunity

Position: Living History Demonstrator – Soldier’s Life/Musician

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Dates: Early April through late November

Suitable For: Most adults, college age students, responsible teenagers interested in history

Difficulty Level: Average to Difficult



Job Description:

Live the 18th Century life while providing interpretive opportunities to those visiting the fort. Provide demonstrations about music or weaponry during the American Revolution, talks about soldier’s life, and answer questions about daily life at the fort. Teach people to march or even sew! Have fun while providing service.

Duties:

- Greet park visitors
- Orient and inform park visitors about Fort Stanwix
- Orient park visitors to events and programs
- Answer visitor questions
- Wear period correct 18th Century clothing
- Provide demonstrations for the visiting public about period topics (*such as: soldier’s life, military music, blank musket and cannon firings, and others!*)
- Volunteers actively and on regular/scheduled basis. *Suggested increments include: 1 day a week or 24 hours a month, 1-2 weekends a month, 2-4 special event weekends, or combination of the three.*

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 Accoutrements for Men, Women, and Children
- How to be an 18th Century Drummer/Fifer
- 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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