



School & Youth Programs Interpreter

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF POSITION

The School & Youth Programs Interpreter executes interactive, immersive living history based programs for groups of students, scouts, and other youth organizations. These programs include outreach programs in classrooms, explaining and demonstrating the personal items of soldiers, and discussing broader themes of geography and logistics. On-site, the School & Youth Programs Interpreter leads military drill and teamwork programs, marching guests in the footsteps of soldiers, and engaging them with ideas of discipline and duty. This position also leads overnight experience programs for scouts, students, & other audiences, leading hands-on learning through period fatigue projects, camp cooking, and interactive tours of these historic grounds. The School & Youth Programs Interpreter executes programs with students, scouts, and other youth organizations on Lake Champlain with 18th-century watercraft and through tours on the tour boat Carillon. This position also manages all the final booking for outreach programs. This position is also responsible for the purchasing and preparing of interpretive foodstuffs for school and scout programs. When not directly engaged in school and youth programs, this position assists in tours, demonstrations, and hands-on family programs. This position also helps organize, support, and execute living history programs with Public History Department staff.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITY

Applicants must have experience leading young audiences, with excellent leadership skills tempered with approachability and a friendly demeanor. They should possess working knowledge of military and social history and related material culture of the French & Indian War and Revolutionary War periods; ability to demonstrate historic trades and translate research to living history programs; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public and volunteers; contribute significantly to Fort Ticonderoga's strong and enthusiastic senior team; and have the ability to give directions/instructions. Candidates must possess the ability to manage several tasks simultaneously and must exercise tact and judgment in all situations. Initiative is required and the candidate must work independently as well as be an effective team member. Excellent written and public communication skills are essential. Accuracy is extremely important. Skill in using a personal computer (including Word, Publisher, Excel, CreativeCloud, Power Point) is necessary. They must present a professional image with regards to Fort Ticonderoga in all media. Candidate must be enthusiastic and energetic with strong background and passion for interpretation and education. High standards of authenticity and commitment to excellence are expected. Outstanding professional demeanor, energy level, and work ethic are necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidate should have a minimum of a BA/BS with preferably 2 to 3 years education or youth leadership experience. Minimum of 4 years' experience in living history required.

RELATIONSHIPS

- ❖ This position reports to the Director of Interpretation.
- ❖ The School & Youth Programs Interpreter works within the Public History Department, but will also assist with other departments as needed.
- ❖ Efficient work by a small department that shares workspace and works closely with members of other departments **requires** a spirit of positive cooperation with co-workers.

PHYSICAL EFFORT

The position of School & Youth Programs Interpreter will be required to work in varied temperatures including heat and cold. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. and able to stand and walk for an extended period and must have manual dexterity to perform job duties.

SAFETY

Work performed requires careful attention to safety especially when using sharp tools or moving heavy objects. The School & Youth Programs Interpreter must understand and follow established safety procedures and be able to provide basic immediate assistance to anyone in the event of injury or other health concern.

WORK SCHEDULE

The normal working hours for this position will be determined with weekend, evening, holiday, and overnight work required on a scheduled basis. Some overnight travel and supervisory responsibilities will be required.

SALARY

\$42,000 - \$45,000, with compensation based on skill and experience. This is a full-time position with benefits. Fort Ticonderoga is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply send letter of interest, resume, and three references to Cameron Green, Director of Interpretation, Fort Ticonderoga Association at 30 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or e-mail CGreen@fort-ticonderoga.org Faxed applications can be sent to 518-585-2210. For more information call 518-585-6190. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit www.fort-ticonderoga.org. Application deadline is October 4, 2024.