



FORT TICONDEROGA

Garden Interpreter

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF POSITION

In support of Fort Ticonderoga's commitment to preserve and educate, Garden Interpreters present and practice the horticultural trade before visitors in the Kings Garden. Garden Interpreters use and learn a variety of skills applicable in the field of public history. This position engages and educates visitors with tours of the King's Garden and public programs about the daily life of those who historically worked in the King's Garden. Garden Interpreters use and learn the practical and functional aspects of 18th-century gardening. Garden Interpreters have many opportunities for creativity and learning while educating visitors at Fort Ticonderoga. These historically-clothed interpreters are the public face and voice to visitors at this historic site and act with corresponding respect and professionalism. Garden Interpreters are full-time, seasonal interpreters who cultivate beds within the King's Garden, around the Pavilion, and on the broader landscape. They should be vigilant sentinels of site stewardship and visitor safety while educating a wide variety of visitors through interpretive programming.

INTERPRETIVE SKILLS

- ❖ Required to act and dress accurately out of respect of the historical individuals they portray.
- ❖ Able to learn and apply a variety of 18th-century mechanical skills.
- ❖ Able to cope with a variety of weather using 18th-century clothing and skills.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- ❖ Able to talk to an audience of diverse age and backgrounds.
- ❖ Clearly communicate with large groups and individuals.
- ❖ Communicate effectively in verbal and written form.
- ❖ Presents a professional image with regards to Fort Ticonderoga in all media.
- ❖ Able to communicate culturally or politically sensitive information with respect and tact.
- ❖ Work with other members of the interpretive staff.
- ❖ Understand and follow the directions of the Director of Interpretation and all supervising staff.

RESEARCH SKILLS

- ❖ Able to read and comprehend both primary and secondary historical sources.
- ❖ Able to learn and utilize research techniques including transcription and artifact annotation.
- ❖ Able to apply research skills to public interpretation.

PHYSICAL EFFORT

- ❖ Able to lift fifty pounds
- ❖ Able to stand and walk for an extended period (up four for hours).
- ❖ Able to be outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.
- ❖ Manual dexterity appropriate to the interpretive requirements.

SAFETY FOR OTHERS

- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain a variety of 18th-century tools.

SCHEDULE

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

SALARY

Pay ranges from \$15.50-\$20 per hour, with compensation based on skill and experience. Fort Ticonderoga is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply send letter of interest, resume, three references, and one letter of recommendation 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 518-585-2821. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit www.fort-ticonderoga.org.

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