

Position: **Village Interpreter**

Status: Full-time or Part-time, Hourly

Reports to: Director of Public Programs and Education

### **Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill (SVPH) is on a mission to inspire generations through DISCOVERY, by sharing the legacies of the Kentucky Shakers. SVPH is committed to bridging historic preservation, land conservation, engaged learning and warm hospitality to present an unrivaled destination experience.

Home to the third largest Shaker community in the United States from 1805 until 1910, SVPH manages the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Onsite amenities at SVPH include overnight accommodations, dining and catering services, retail shops, event and meeting venues, riverboat rides, historical exhibitions and tours, farm and garden area, nature preserve, multi-use trail system, equestrian stable and an extensive calendar of special programs, activities and events.

### **Program Department**

The Program Department supports the mission of Shaker Village by inspiring our guests through stories, activities and exhibits across the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill landscape that connect to our heritage, community and the environment while expanding our outstanding of the legacy of the Pleasant Hill Shakers.

### **Village Interpreter Job Summary**

This position will share entertaining educational and recreational programs with guests through the "Today" daily experience schedule, group tours and special events.

### **Responsibilities and Duties**

- Lead daily programs and tours, providing guests with an extraordinary experience
  - Daily programs involve presentations and hands-on activities, and may take place in the Historic Centre, Farm, Preserve, or the Riverboat
- Consistently engage guests with friendliness, enthusiasm and understanding
- Ensure a clean, safe environment for all guests and staff, including completion of daily cleaning responsibilities in assigned program / exhibit spaces
- Master the content of program lesson plans
- Familiarize yourself with all guest services at SVPH
- Familiarize yourself with natural landscape and resources of SVPH
- Assist in the implementation of special events and programs as needed
- Open and close historic buildings and exhibits as assigned, meeting standards of museum practice set forth by Shaker Village

- Staff Front Entrance booth and welcome all guests to property; perform basic transactions for property usage
- Performs other duties as assigned

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Must be a self-motivator and be willing to learn new skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Excellent customer service skills
- Positive attitude, problem solving and flexibility
- Ability to work enthusiastically with a wide demographic of guests, including youth, families and adults
- Ability to work in a collaborative team structure
- Show flexibility and creativity in support of all Shaker Village activities.

### **Education and Experience**

- High school diploma required
- Bachelor's Degree in a related field, with relevant professional or performance experience preferred
- Experience presenting educational programming to the public, including youth and groups

### **Physical Requirements**

- Ability to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk or hear and taste or smell
- Frequently required to stand and walk for at least an hour at a time; occasionally sit and climb or balance
- Specific vision ability required by this job includes close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus
- Regularly lift and/or move up to 25 lbs. and lift and/or move heavier loads with a team as needed.
- Must know how to swim (Riverboat tours, events and programs).

### **Working Environment and Conditions**

- Regularly exposed to wet and/or humid conditions
- Frequently exposed to outside weather conditions
- This position requires working weekends and some evenings
- This position may work on programming around large, live animals
- This position may work on our river boat and must know how to swim
- This position is subject to a background check and drug testing

### **To Apply**

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