

School Group and Summer Staffing (Seasonal)

Are you passionate about history and looking for a role that's more "hands-on" than a desk job? We are looking for a charismatic, self-starting **Living History Docent** to bring the past to life for our visitors. As a member of our team, you won't just talk about history—you'll live it.

Position Overview

- **Status:** Part-Time / Seasonal
- **Schedule:** Includes weekdays and weekends; special emphasis on the Summer Historical Adventures season.
- **Setting:** Outdoor historical site; requires working in various weather conditions.

What You'll Do

As a Docent, you are the primary link between our guests and the historical record. Your day might involve:

- **Engaging the Public/Students:** Leading tours and demonstrations for diverse audiences, ranging from school-aged children on field trips to curious adult tourists.
 - **Historical Immersion:** Maintaining an authentic atmosphere by wearing historical attire and performing tasks using period-appropriate methods.
 - **Daily Tasks:**
 - **Starting fires** using period-correct techniques (flint/steel or matches as directed).
 - **Historical Cooking:** Preparing meals on a wood-burning stove and using Dutch ovens to demonstrate traditional culinary skills.
 - **Animal Care:** Teaching the public how to milk the cow by hand ensuring both animal welfare and guest education.
 - **Program Facilitation:** Leading "Summer Historical Adventures" and hands-on activities for students.
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Qualifications & Skills

- **Self-Starter:** You can identify what needs to be done—whether it's prepping the stove or tidying the cabin—without constant supervision.
- **Youth Engagement:** Proven ability to interact with, motivate, and manage children in a positive, constructive manner.
- **Great Communicator:** You enjoy visiting with the public and have the "spark" needed to keep history interesting.

- **Versatile Team Player:** You are comfortable working solo at a specific station or collaborating with a large group of docents for major events.
- **Physical Stamina:** Ability to stand for long periods, work near heat (stoves/fires) and lift up to 50lbs.
- **Historical Integrity:** A willingness to learn and accurately represent the specific time period of the site and the American West Heritage Center

Why Join Us?

This is more than a job; it's an opportunity to master rare traditional skills and inspire the next generation of historians. If you aren't afraid to get your hands dirty and you love a good story, we want to hear from you.