



Volunteer Opportunities

Sample of areas where volunteers are needed and/or may serve.

ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Individuals must be 12 years or older to volunteer
- Families that volunteer: an adult must accompany children; children must be age 5 or older and supervised by accompanying adult
- Commit to volunteering a minimum of three (3) times per year/season
- Attending a Volunteer Orientation is required along with any additional trainings as necessary
- Costumed volunteers will require additional in-depth training and a higher commitment level

ADMISSIONS:

- Welcome visitors as they arrive
- Setup/cleanup
- Handle payments
- Help direct/navigate people around site
- Inform guests about programs and activities
- Provide general site supervision
- Answer general inquiries
- Training provided

CONSESSIONS:

- Set-up, run, and clean-up of concessions “stand”
- Handle payment for concession purchases
- Take concession orders/requests
- Serve and/or prepare food
- Knowledge of safe food handling practices preferred
- Training provided

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Events include: Bake Contest, 1860’s Baseball tournament, Tater Daze open house, historical events
- Greet and orient visitors
- Supervise and/or run activities
- Storytime reader
- Assist with hayrides
- Both dress-up or not dress-up opportunities

SITE MONITOR

- Provide site supervision during events/rentals
- Inform and enforce farm rules and policies
- Provide assistance to guests as needed

GARDENING:

- Assist in planting vegetable and flower gardens
- Routine upkeep and maintenance of gardens

CLEANING & SET-UP:

- General cleaning of grounds and historical buildings
- For events and/programs
- Displays and/or exhibits

DEMONSTRATIONS:

- Period craft/skills, examples include:
 - Sewing, quilting, embroidery
 - Spinning, knitting, crochet, tatting
 - Woodcarving, blacksmithing, leather craft
 - storytelling
 - farming, gardening, food preservation
 - farm animal husbandry
 - old tools and machinery
 - preservation—textiles, documents, artifacts

TOUR GUIDES & TRAVELING

PRESENTATIONS:

****Must be able to follow through on commitment and/or be able to drive to various locations across metro area.**

- Provide tours to groups of all ages and backgrounds
- Costumed presentations of traveling trunk
- Training provided

COSTUMING:

- Assist in maintaining and caring for costume collection
- Sew new period costumes (women, men, youth sizes)
- Catalog costume collection

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Welcome visitors as they arrive
- Inform and answer questions regarding Park System Plan & Farm Master Plan
- Conduct informal interviews to gain feedback
- Encourage visitors to complete surveys to provide feedback

RESEARCH:

- 20th century agriculture and farming
- 20th century fashion
- 20th century lifestyle and cultural practices/traditions
- Norwegian traditions
- Immigration in MN and Brooklyn Park (late 1800's to present)
- Period crafts and activities
- Eidem & Brooklyn Park family history

COLLECTIONS:

- Inventory and catalog artifacts, textiles, photos and historical documents
- Organize and properly store collection items
- Help to care for and maintain items

MARKETING:

- Assist in developing and distributing marketing material

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

**Must be able to commit to regular meetings and working outside meetings.

- Help plan farm programs and activities
- Assist in preparing and implementing programs and activities