



FORT TICONDEROGA

Artificer Interpreter

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

Fort Ticonderoga is one of North America's most significant and oldest historic sites. Fort Ticonderoga preserves, educates, and provokes active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage.

Fort Ticonderoga is comprised of 2,000 acres and includes the reconstructed Fort, the Carillon Battlefield, the Pavilion and the King's Garden, Mount Defiance, Mount Independence, Native American historic sites and numerous other historic features that span the property's history. The Fort Ticonderoga Museum holds one of the largest and most significant collections of 18th-century military material culture in North America. Current staffing includes 27 full-time employees and approximately 80 temporary employees. Fort Ticonderoga annually serves more than 75,000 visitors.

Fort Ticonderoga is a non-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909.

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF POSITION

In support of Fort Ticonderoga's commitment to preserve and educate, Artificer Interpreters educate visitors at Fort Ticonderoga using 18th-century military skills and mechanical arts. Artificer Interpreters must have proficiency in their trade and an eagerness to continue building their skills and applying them to the interpretive goals each season at Fort Ticonderoga. Artificer Interpreters are full-time seasonal interpreters whose skills are an important part of the experience of visitors and other interpreters at Fort Ticonderoga. Artificer Interpreters must be eager students and teachers of their trade, able to teach other interpreters aspects of their mechanical art. Artificer Interpreters use their skills both to educate visitors about their trade, but also to meet the material needs of Public History 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. They should be vigilant sentinels of site stewardship and visitor safety while educating a wide variety of visitors through interpretive programs.

INTERPRETIVE SKILLS

- ❖ Required to act and dress accurately out of respect of the historical individuals they portray
- ❖ Apply and interpret their mechanical trade within the season's specific interpretive topic
- ❖ Able to interpret and practice both their own and a variety of other 18th-century mechanical skills
- ❖ Able to cope with a variety of weather conditions using 18th-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 respectfully and tactfully
- ❖ Work with other members of the interpretive staff
- ❖ Teach and supervise other interpretive staff in their trade.
- ❖ 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 4 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 muskets
- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain 18th-century cannons
- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain 18th-century tools
- ❖ Uphold the highest standards of black powder safety

SCHEDULE

The normal working hours for this position will be determined with weekend, evening, holiday and overnight work required on a scheduled basis. 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 518-585-6190. For additional information on Fort Ticonderoga visit www.fort-ticonderoga.org. Application deadline is January 8th, 2021.