



Maritime 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

Maritime Interpreters bring Lake Champlain's maritime history to life through living history demonstrations of boat building, naval trades, and guided tours aboard the tour boat Carillon. From the vantage point of this 1920s replica tour boat, the Maritime Interpreter tells the incredible stories of Ticonderoga, tracing ancient war paths along Lake Champlain. Following the same routes that soldiers rowed along to-and-from Ticonderoga, the Maritime Interpreter can bring these epic stories to life for guests on board the tour boat Carillon. Whether naval fleets built below the walls of Fort Ticonderoga or a unique perspective on the site's battlefields, countless, rich tales are available to discuss with guests on and off the water. On land, a Maritime Interpreter works on building and maintaining period wooden boats, practice sail making & other trades in front of guests. This position will engage visitors in living history programs, cross-training in 18th-century skills to enrich their maritime narrative. Maritime Interpreters will assist with special hands-on maritime school and scout programs. This position will also help with highlighted programs within special events. Maritime Interpreters bring their practical experience with period boats to help illuminate story telling on the water. The Maritime Interpreter acts as a First Mate to the Carillon Captain, assisting with visitor entry and exit from the vessel, as well as launching and docking. The Maritime Interpreter also aids the Captain in emergency situations to safeguard visitor and vessel safety.

INTERPRETIVE SKILLS

- ❖ Required to act and dress professionally
- ❖ 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 a variety of 18th-century mechanical skills
- ❖ Able to cope with a variety of weather conditions using 18th-clothing and skills
- ❖ Able to interpret the history of Lake Champlain, Ticonderoga, and inland waterways

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- ❖ Able to talk to an audience of diverse age and backgrounds
- ❖ Follow, annotate, and update operations and maintenance checklists
- ❖ Clearly communicate with large groups and individuals
- ❖ Communicate effectively in verbal and written form
- ❖ Clearly inform visitors of all maritime safety information
- ❖ Presents a professional image with regards to Fort Ticonderoga in all media
- ❖ Work with other members of the interpretive staff
- ❖ Understand and follow the directions of Captains and Supervisors

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 read and understand plans and schematics
- ❖ Able to apply research skills to public interpretation

QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Must have previous tour guide or guest service experience
- ❖ Boating operations experience preferred
- ❖ 2-years period carpentry experience preferred

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 ensure the safety of all visitors and crew on the vessel Carillon
- ❖ Required to ensure the safety of the tour boat Carillon and associated docks & equipment
- ❖ Required to safely demonstrate, use, and maintain 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. 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. Application deadline is January 8th, 2021.