



FORT TICONDEROGA

Garden 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, Garden Interpreters present and practice the horticultural trade to visitors in the Kings Garden from the 18th through the 20th Centuries. Garden Interpreters use and learn a variety of skills applicable in the field of public history. This position will engage and educate visitors with tours of the King's Garden and public programs about the daily life of those who worked in the King's Garden. Garden Interpreters will use and learn the practical and functional aspects of 18th-century and 20th-century tools, techniques, and plant varieties. Garden Interpreters should expect many opportunities for creativity and learning while educating visitors 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. Garden Interpreters are full-time, seasonal interpreters who cultivate beds within the King's Garden, around the Pavilion, and on the broader landscape. They should be vigilant sentinels of site stewardship and visitor safety while educating a wide variety of visitors through interpretive programming.

INTERPRETIVE SKILLS

- ❖ Required to act and dress accurately out of respect of the historical individuals they portray
- ❖ Able to learn and apply a variety of 18th or 20th-century mechanical skills
- ❖ Able to cope with a variety of weather using 18th or 20th-century 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
- ❖ 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 or 20th-century tools

SCHEDULE

Must be flexible, able to work weekends and some evening shift may be required. This is a temporary seasonal position. 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 June 7, 2021.

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