



Position Available:

Public History Intern

Status: *Part Time, Temporary (Seasonal)*

Application deadline: March 22, 2019

Join a staff of creative, energetic professionals who work together to help connect people with nature and history through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. Through public tours, woodstove cooking demonstrations and food preservation workshops, our educators welcome people of all ages to connect with history with hands-on, engaging experiences.

Objective: To provide high quality cultural history programs to visitors at the Chippewa Nature Center historic Homestead while exploring the different roles of historians in the workforce.

Job Summary: CNC is in search of a Public History intern with a passion for sharing the past in a relevant, engaging way with children and adults. Under supervision of the Historical Interpreter, the intern will be responsible for leading public programming and educational activities at the 1870s historic Homestead. In addition, the intern will select a project that compliments his/her individual interests within the field. Projects may include an emphasis on exhibits, programming, historical research or volunteer management.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Develop a working knowledge of 19th century Midland history, as well as CNC's procedures, facilities and programs
2. Present a 30-45 minute public tour of the historic Homestead each Sunday
3. Lead activities and traditional skill demonstrations, such as rope making, corn grinding, woodworking and fiber arts (training provided)
4. Assist in setting-up/cleaning-up self-guided activities
5. Assist with volunteer sign-ins
6. Select a project to be completed by end of internship, Aug 25, 2019
7. Other duties as assigned

Required Qualifications

- Coursework or degree in public history, interpretation, environmental history or related field
- Comfortable interacting with and serving all ages and audiences
- Demonstrated ability to write and speak effectively
- Physically able to lift 50 pounds

Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge of basic interpretive/teaching techniques
- Working knowledge of the cultural history of the region and its relationship to natural resources

Status: Part time, temporary (seasonal; 10 hrs/wk for 13 wks)

Schedule: Sunday afternoons, 12-5:30 pm, and select weekdays

Start Date: June 2, 2019

End Date: August 25, 2019

Compensation & Benefits: \$10.50/hr; 20% discount on registered programs and in Nature Center Store

Application procedure: Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Fitzpatrick, Historical Interpreter at cfitzpatrick@chippewanaturecenter.org or 400 S Badour Road, Midland, MI 48640

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Overview: CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization. Its mission is *to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences*. The 1,200-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC's facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center store; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and over 19 miles of nature trails. See www.chippewanaturecenter.org for more information.

Equal Opportunity Employment: CNC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against employees or job applicants on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, height, weight, handicap or disability, veteran status or any other status or condition protected by applicable state or federal laws.