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Fort Stanwix Volunteer Opportunity

Position: Special Events Assistant

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Dates: All Year

Suitable For: Most adults, college age students, responsible teenagers interested in history

Difficulty Level: Average to Difficult



Job Description:

Park special events include everything from Rome, NY's famous Honor America Day to period themed encampments, evening open houses, Independence Day, and MANY others. Help make the day special for people touring the fort on these occasions by assisting with set-up, presentation, and/or breakdown of park special events. See what goes on behind the scenes while helping prepare for a special event.

Duties:

- Set-up or break down of displays or areas to be used for event (*could include research, photography/videography, photocopying, sorting supplies, cleaning, crowd control, etc.*)
- Potential of spending night at park/assisting with night safety watch
- Greet park visitors during event day
- Orient and inform park visitors about Fort Stanwix, events, and programs
- Answer visitor questions
- Wear period correct 18th Century clothing or VIP uniform shirt
- Volunteers actively and on regular scheduled basis.

Suggested volunteer hours include: 1-2 weekends a month leading up to event, 3-5 special event weekends, or combination of the two.

Basic Training Required:

- Orientation to Historic Fort Stanwix/Fort Schuyler w/annual refresher
- Providing Good Customer Service
- Informal Interpretation/Foundations of Interpretation
- *Many others optional!*

Knowledge/Skills Desired:

- Good communication/interpersonal skills
- Reliability
- Willingness to be a team player and work with others
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups of people or willingness to overcome fears/shyness
- Should enjoy American and/or world history or desire to learn more about it
- Willingness to learn about Fort Stanwix National Monument and other historic locales!

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