

JOB OPENING: SEASONAL MUSEUM INTERPRETER (PART-TIME)

Overview

Do you love history, science, and nature? Enjoy working with the public and being outdoors? Looking for a job where you can work with your hands and learn historical skills? The Accokeek Foundation seeks a Museum Interpreter to engage visitors in 18th-century history, sustainable agriculture, and exploration of the great outdoors at Piscataway Park in Accokeek, MD.

Professional Experience and Qualifications

- Lively, outgoing personality
- Ability to master interactive activities; this includes improvising with visitors
- Interpersonal skills and diplomacy necessary to facilitate discussion around sensitive topics
- Willing and able to work outside in various weather conditions
- Willing to wear various costumes depending on program
- Works well in a sometimes unpredictable environment where last minute changes may be necessary
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Historic gardening/farm chores performed when not interacting with visitors (we train). This requires moderate physical activity and willingness to get dirty.
- Comfortable around large and small animals
- Excellent communication skills and a willingness to learn
- Demonstrated experience engaging with public audiences
- Applicant will be required to complete a background check prior to employment

Highly desired, but not required, qualities include:

- Background or interest in 18th-century history, drama, sustainable agriculture, and/or environmental science.
- Prior experience as an actor, teacher, or interpreter, or with agriculture is a plus, but not required
- Bachelor's degree

Hours and Compensation

This is a part-time position that requires availability on weekends from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm from March to December, with occasional evening availability. The pay is \$11/hour. Responsibilities revolve around first-person and third-person improvised interactions with visitors. Weekday hours may be available on a case-by-case basis.

To apply: Email resume, headshot (if available), and a cover letter describing how your experience, skills, and interests make you uniquely qualified for this position by email with the subject line **“Museum Interpreter”** to education@accokeek.org.

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This position is open until filled. The Accokeek Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*



Cultivating passion for the natural and cultural resources of Piscataway Park...

About the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation is a non-profit, educational organization whose mission is to connect people to history, agriculture, and nature through innovative educational programs and engaging visitor experiences. Founded over fifty years ago to “preserve the view” from George Washington’s Mount Vernon, the Foundation was one of the first land trusts, blazing new trails in preservation through a public/private partnership that led to the creation of Piscataway Park, a nearly 5000-acre national park. Through a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, the Foundation cares for two hundred acres of the park, while fulfilling its mission. This working landscape includes the National Colonial Farm (demonstrates life of a tobacco planter on the eve of the American Revolution) the Ecosystem Farm (demonstrates sustainable agriculture on an 8-acre organic vegetable farm), heritage breed livestock, nature trails, gardens, a fishing pier, and boat dock (with kayak launch). In addition, this is the sacred homeland of the Piscataway people, and its significance as an indigenous cultural landscape makes it a key site on several national trails.

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