

Volunteer Job Description

Position: “Touching History” Facilitator

Department: Education

Supervisor: Pat Purnell, Education Associate

Time commitment required:

- Two times a month during June & July, and on August 2
- Choose among Tuesdays or Saturdays
- A 2.5-hour shift, 12:45 – 3:15 pm
- Optional: could evolve into one Saturday a month during the school year

Training provided/required:

Training will cover both content and technique. Background information/reading material is provided.

- 2-hour training with Pat, Education Associate (actual time to be determined)
- 1 session actually facilitating the program in partnership with Pat

Overview:

Working in tandem with Pat or with another Volunteer, the “Touching History” Facilitators will engage with Museum visitors of all ages, using a combination of genuine historic artifacts and/or reproductions/contemporary versions of vintage items related to life in the Log House in Memory Lane. All of the objects are touchable; some are intended to be “tried out.”

Skills/Abilities Needed:

- Interest in history
- Comfortable conversing and engaging with visitors of all ages
- Enjoy teaching and helping visitors to have meaningful connections with Museum objects
- The ability and willingness to learn the educational concepts integral to the Touching History objects
- The ability and willingness to learn & utilize the teaching techniques of “object-centered” learning
- The ability and willingness to become familiar and comfortable with the general background material and information provided
- Fine motor manual dexterity is utilized
- The ability to move a cart from the Hudson Room to Memory Lane
- Optional: Moving a foldable, transportable, light-weight 6’ table from the Hudson Room to Memory Lane
- A chair is provided, but the ability and willingness to be on your feet as much as necessary

