

SAUDER VILLAGE - JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Position: Education Specialist: Focus in Agriculture, Historical Gardens & Nature Center
Reports to: Education Coordinator & Historic Farmer
Hours: Full Time; Hourly

Primary Function

The Education Specialist for Agriculture, Historical Gardens and Nature Center is responsible for interpreting the rural history of the region during the 19th and 20th centuries to Sauder Village guests. Content knowledge includes; historical farming practices, animal and crop usage, and technological changes in agriculture. This position also works with the education team and Historic Farmer to develop and implement historically-based demonstrations, participatory experiences, and programs for guests of all ages.

Essential Functions (Responsibilities) include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Education

1. Works with Education Coordinator and Education Specialists in developing and providing on and off-site programs.
2. Manages Nature Center.
3. Provides additional S.T.E.A.M (I.E) programming in coordination with education team.
4. Assists with the planning and implementation of agricultural components for educational programs.

Historical Gardens

1. Responsible for the overall historical garden programming, planting, care of and harvest.
2. Oversees staff caring for the historical gardens.
3. Conducts agricultural research as necessary.
4. Works with Education Specialist who is responsible for Foodways to implement seasonal produce in the historical homes for cooking demonstrations.

Farm

1. Serves as a liaison between Historic Farmer and Education Coordinator.
2. Work with Historic Farmer on Agricultural programming; harvesting and planting and Animal Care.

Skills, Requirements, and Conditions. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the above essential functions.

1. Bachelor's degree in Education, History, Environmental Studies, Public History, Horticulture, Museum Education Studies or other related degrees.
2. Must have the minimum experience in the following areas:
 - Farm: 5 years
 - Historical Gardens: 2-3 years
 - Museum Education: 2-3 years
3. Familiarity with educational programming practices in a museum environment.
4. Experience creating, conducting museum education programs, applying current informal education theory and best practices.
5. Animal experience with preference given to knowledge of heritage breeds.
6. Working knowledge of gardens with preference for familiarity of heirloom varieties.
7. Ability to drive tractors and/or other farm/agriculture equipment, or willingness to learn.

8. Willing to learn how to drive a team of draft horses which may include *plowing, buggy rides, trolley tours, etc.*
9. Availability to work weekends and evenings as needed
10. Ability to work outside in all seasons and weather conditions, wearing appropriate historical clothing when required.
11. Work with people from diverse backgrounds, experiences and cultures.
12. Must be detail oriented and organized.
13. Team-oriented and collaborative nature.
14. Good research skills and communicates effectively through all forms of communication.
15. General knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.
16. Requires 50 or more lbs of lifting on a regular basis.
17. Possesses a valid driver's license.
18. Commitment to providing exceptional guest experiences.
19. Reliable, enthusiastic, and trustworthy team player.
20. Reflects and advocates for the mission, purpose, goals and values of Sauder Village.