

Seasonal Living History Interpreter

Title: **Seasonal Living History Interpreter**
Division: Living History
Classification: Seasonal, Hourly 20-30 hours/week, **May 1-September 6, 2021**
Reports To: Senior Curator of Western History
Supervises: N/A
Salary: \$14.50 an hour

High Desert Museum – Organization Description

Since opening in 1982, THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM has brought together wildlife, culture, art and natural resources to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's High Desert country. We do so through indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, living history demonstrations and dynamic programs on a beautiful, 135-acre campus in the pine forest. The Museum is a nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, was a 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Sciences finalist and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. During the 2018-19 fiscal year, 195,000 visitors enjoyed the Museum.

The Museum is located in Bend, Oregon, a fast-growing, charismatic city nestled against the Cascade Range at the edge of the High Desert. We strive to be inclusive, culturally humble, relevant, curious, and mindful. As a team, we work together to wildly excite and responsibly teach, creating connection to and dialogue about the High Desert.

Job Summary - Living History Interpreter

The Living History Interpreter is responsible for the interpretation of the 1904 High Desert Ranch and Sawmill and its associated programs. The main duties will include interpreting the site for visitors, demonstrating historical activities and assisting in daily operations in period clothing. The Living History Interpreter will also assist in program maintenance and other duties as assigned.

This position will last approximately through Labor Day weekend. During this time, the Living History interpreter will work three to four shifts of about 6 to 7 hours per week on a schedule designed by the Living History staff.

Qualifications

- Excellent interpretation and communication skills including the ability to engage a wide variety of visitors and connect them to historical content
- Academic related coursework in Theater, History or Education
- Excellent oral communication skills
- Ability to work successfully with a diverse group of volunteers
- Ability to work unsupervised and work in a team environment
- Ability to work flexible hours and days, including weekends
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. and conduct physical work in a ranch setting
- Certification from the National Association of Interpretation (CIG, CIH, or CHI) preferred
- CPR certified preferred

Responsibilities and Tasks

1. Interpret various aspects of the 1904 High Desert Ranch and Sawmill such as crafting, gardening and cooking in period costume. Provide demonstrations, station interpretation, and hands-on activities for all ages, demographics and learning abilities. This includes school groups, the general public and families.
2. Assist with the daily operation of Living History programming including set-up and site maintenance.
3. Serve as the frontline Living History interpreter in the absence of other Living History staff, which may include managing volunteers.
4. Assist with after-hours programming.
5. Set up and take down the assigned work area for each program prior to and after use.
6. Read through the entire Living History Interpreter Guide and meet periodically with full time living history staff to assess and evaluate performance.
7. Assist with special event set-up and take-down, and work during the event.
8. Comply with all Museum policies, procedures, and safety regulations.
9. Perform other tasks and duties as assigned by the Curator of Living History.
10. Embrace, support, and help implement the Museum's continued learning and commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion
11. Execute other duties as assigned as needed to help abide by the Museum's values, drive our vision, and fulfill our mission

The Museum provides an equal employment opportunity to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/transgender status, age, disability, veteran or marital status, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

Mission

The High Desert Museum wildly excites and responsibly teaches through innovative, interdisciplinary experiences, creating connection to and dialogue about the High Desert

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