

Somerset Place Volunteer Opportunities

Visitor Services Assistant

Tasks: Greet visitors upon arrival and orient them to tour offerings, operate cash register and make gift shop transactions, and answer telephone inquiries. This position can include providing visitors the 10-minute orientation.

Historical Interpreter: Public Tours

Tasks: Provide approximately 90-minute tours to visitors of all ages upon request. The tour includes a 10-minute orientation in the orientation room, followed by a walking tour that focuses on the enslaved and free families who lived at Somerset in the 1840s. The walking tour includes two reconstructed enslaved homes, one reconstructed enslaved hospital, five original dependency buildings within the owners' compound, and the 3-floor, 14-room Collins family home completed by 1839.

Historical Interpreter: School Programs

Tasks: Provide 90-minute tours to school groups ranging in level from typically third grade to eighth grade, and/or lead students in hands-on historical crafts that include broom-making, rope-making, candle-dipping, butter-churning, cotton-ginning, and hearth-cooking. We would especially welcome volunteers to help us implement our new STEAM-based educational programming that will engage students with math, science, and the arts within the context of Somerset's history. Program interpreters must be able to modify tours to suit the educational level of the students as well as time constraints. School programs volunteers may also assist with preparing materials needed for hands on-activities.

Event Volunteer

Tasks: Assist with special site events, such as Days Gone By, Crafts and Crops Day, and Christmas Open House. Tasks include event set up/cleanup, parking attendance, staffing the gift shop, selling admissions tickets, assisting with games and living history demonstrations, providing 60 - 90 minute tours, and staffing site buildings during open house events.

Maintenance Assistant

Tasks: Perform routine maintenance tasks including painting fences, yardwork, and sweeping porches and outbuildings.

Garden Club

Tasks: Members of our garden club help with planting, weeding, and general maintenance of our formal gardens and grounds.