



Position Available:
Historical Interpreter
Full time permanent
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Make the past come alive for visitors young and old as you help them feel the weight of a lumberman's ax in the woods, enjoy the smell of maple syrup at a festival, or hear the splash of water as they paddle the river in a Voyageur Canoe.

Job Summary: Join a staff of creative, energetic professionals who work together to connect all people with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences. CNC is in search of a Historical Interpreter with a passion for sharing the past in a relevant, engaging way with children and adults. CNC's historical assets include an 1870s homestead farm complete with a log cabin, root cellar, timber frame barn, one-room schoolhouse, maple sugarhouse, wigwam and a wide variety of historical and reproduction items highlighting Native American natural resource use, the Great Lakes fur trade, Michigan lumbering and early farming. These assets are shared through public programs, school programs, outreach presentations, self-guided experiences and festivals.

Objective: To develop and implement historical programs that connect visitors to the regions' natural resources and the people who have lived and worked here in the past.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Interpret the cultural and natural history of the Saginaw Valley, including Chippewa Nature Center, through field trips, workshops, festivals, programs (adult and youth) and articles.
2. Assist with the development and maintenance of a wide variety of historical resources including exhibits and the collection of historic and reproduction items.
3. Be the primary interpreter for the *Discover the Homestead Farm* program on Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day and assist with the recruitment, training and scheduling of summer homestead staff and volunteers.
4. Assist with or lead other weekend or evening programs throughout the year.
5. Be an engaged member of the CNC team.
6. Assist with naturalist station duties.
7. Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in public history, interpretation, environmental history, or related field with working knowledge of the cultural history of the region and its relationship to natural resources
- Experience in the field of historical interpretation involving public programming
- Passion for interacting with and serving all ages and audiences
- Demonstrated ability to write and speak effectively
- Certification in CPR and basic first aid (or ability to become certified)
- Valid driver's license
- Physically able to lift 50 pounds
- Ability to work varied hours, including some weekends, evenings and holidays

Preferred Qualifications

- 3 or more years of experience in the field of historical interpretation
- Proficiency in traditional and/or outdoor recreation skills related to environmental or historical interpretation (kayaking, snowshoeing, farming, hide tanning, soap making, etc.)
- Knowledge of local natural resources (ecology, identification of birds, plants, etc.)
- Basic collections management skills

Schedule: Monday-Friday with occasional weekend and evening hours. Memorial Day through Labor Day the schedule will shift to Sunday-Thursday.

Salary & Benefits: Salary based on experience and education, health insurance, 403(b) contribution, CNC membership, 20% discount in Nature Center Store,

Status: Full time non-exempt, permanent

Application procedure: Send cover letter and resume to Jenn Kirts, Director of Programs at jkirts@chippewanaturecenter.org or 400 S Badour Road, Midland, MI 48640

Application Deadline: January 12, 2018

Overview: CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization. Its mission is *to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences*. The 1,200-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC's facilities consist of a Visitor Center with Ecosystem Gallery, classrooms and Nature Center store; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and over 19 miles of nature trails. See www.chippewanaturecenter.org for more information.

Equal Opportunity Employment: CNC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against employees or job applicants on conditions protected by applicable state or federal laws.