

Living History Farms  
Job Posting

**Position title:** Agricultural Programs Interpreter

**Reports to:**

--Farm Managers/Agricultural Lead at 1900 Farm, 1850 Farm and 1700 farm, based on assignment  
--Winter Foodways assignments report to Historic Dinners coordinator.

**Supervises:** Seasonal Interpreters, interns, volunteers.

**Status:** Full time (32-40 hours weekly), hourly, non-exempt.

Salary Range: \$10-\$12/hour based on experience.

**Job Summary:** Entry level Agricultural Interpretive position focused on daily hands-on activities and agricultural demonstrations at the working farms sites. Duties will include interacting with museum guests, providing excellent public programming and customer service, supporting the working farm site supervisors with chores and site upkeep, working with livestock and agricultural fields, as well as supervising other seasonal staff on supervisor's days off. Cross-training to other LHF historic sites including Walnut Hill 1875 town will be expected, as assigned.

**General Season Duties:**

- Provide excellent customer service to museum patrons, whenever interacting with the public.
- Demonstrate and explain historic agricultural activities at the 1900 Farm, 1850 Farm, 1700 Farm to school tours, day camp groups, adult tour groups and the general public on a rotating site schedule.
- Conduct hands-on education programs for LHF Day Camps, children's enrichments and adult education classes, wagon rides and special event programming, as assigned.
- Demonstrate and actively encourage general visitors, especially children, to participate safely in interactive activities, including the scheduled hands-on activities for the "Give Us a Hand" program (June to mid-August).
- Demonstrate in view of the public, historical farm equipment including but not limited to plows, harrows, forks and rakes, scythes, flails, and various other hand and draft animal powered equipment.
- Oversee assigned site and staff (including college interns and volunteers) on supervisor's days off.
- Effectively complete provided training to master needed agricultural skills, including proficiency in agricultural field work (with draft horses, oxen, and tractors), general livestock care, and use of period and modern machinery, cutting wood, morning and evening chores, etc.
- Become certified under Living History Farms internal procedures to safely handle livestock including driving horses and ox draft teams. Includes acting as a wagon driver for community events.

- Assist with needed behind the scenes routine site maintenance and farm chores, including barnyard maintenance, field work and basic livestock care, as assigned.
- Study and understand historical resource materials and other information provided; conduct research to enhance site knowledge and programs as directed. Cross-trained to interpret at other sites, including 1875 town buildings, as assigned.

**Winter Programming Duties:**

- Assist in winter food service programming at museum historic sites, which may include the Tangen House, Flynn Mansion and 1900 Farm historic dinner programs as a cook, host, entertainer, horse driver (training will be provided).
- Provide set up/tear down, cleaning, and other physical support for winter programming sites, including livestock chores and transport.
- Conduct enrichment classes at multiple sites including period farms for elementary age children, adult education classes, winter camp programming and other education program offerings.
- Assist with needed behind the scenes site maintenance and farm chores, including barnyard maintenance, fence repair, field work and basic livestock care, as assigned.

**Qualifications:** College degree in history, agriculture, American studies or related field OR equivalent combination of education, experience or training—with previous experience in historical farming methods and living history interpretation, preferred. Previous experience with farm livestock (horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, etc.), plus the ability to successfully complete LHF's Oxen and Horse Driving Certification Programs, required. Ability to perform physical tasks (minimum strength requirement 50 pounds) needed to authentically re-create a 1900 farm with the ability to work successfully in an outdoor environment. Work environment requires standing for long period of time, working in heat, and contact with livestock. Willingness to learn historical information and demonstrate it to museum guests and school groups. Must have strong organizational skills with the ability to handle multiple tasks and assimilate detailed information quickly. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills required. Must excel in working with groups of children. Previous experience working with volunteers preferred. **Must be willing to a flexible schedule**, including at least one weekend day. Winter hours will include night and weekend programming hours. Must complete a criminal background check.

Accepting applications until position filled. Applications may be sent electronically (preferred) or by ground post.

Please send an LHF application (found at [http://www.lhf.org/en/about\\_us/employment/](http://www.lhf.org/en/about_us/employment/)), resume and cover letter to:

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