

Philip Foster Farm – Touching a Piece of History

Philip Foster Farm Volunteer Information

Tour Interpreters – These costumed guides demonstrate a station during group tours. Under age 12 must have a parent on site. **Benefits:** Public Speaking, Community Service, and Teaching Experience in a non-threatening environment, free soda at end of tour for student volunteers. Adult volunteers receive a JZH Historical Society membership after 10 hours of work. All volunteers receive a print-out of hours worked each season for your records.

Apprentices – An apprentice must be at least 15 years old, and commits to work at least 30 hours in one season (about one tour per week). Apprentices are trained in specific skills, which may include storekeeping, house tours, blacksmithing, or other crafts. **Benefits:** Same as Tour Guides, plus additional training, and a letter of recommendation from Philip Foster Farm staff to potential schools or employers. There are no full-time paid positions at the Farm, but responsible Apprentices may be offered occasional or seasonal paid work.

Master – If you have a specific pioneer skill you'd like to pass on, we invite you to connect with willing learners at the Farm. Blacksmiths, textile crafters, soap- and candle-makers, woodwrights... This is the place to share your craft with the public and teach it to others. **Benefits:** Same as Apprentices, plus advertising privileges.

Summer Hosts – Costumed volunteers greet summer visitors, share historical information, and help farm staff with various projects. A great way to involve your family in local history at the pace of 1800's life. **Benefits:** Same as Tour Interpreters. Summer hours 11-4:00, including weekends.

Maintenance - Various building and maintenance projects are done throughout the year, including mowing, gardening, painting, renovations, and re-constructions of historic buildings. Let us know what your interests are, and we'll connect you with the person in charge of that work.

Event Help – Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day BBQ, Mary Charlotte's Garden Party, Farm Sale, Cider Squeeze, and Christmas at the Country Store are all annual events that require a lot of help to organize, set up, run, and clean up. **Benefits:** Same as Tour Guides.

Board Members – A dedicated board of volunteers keeps this place running. If you'd like to help make policy decisions, or manage a particular piece of the Farm's operations, please consider joining the board. A public board meeting is held annually in the spring.

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Volunteer Application

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Times/Days I am available: _____

Physical or other limitations: _____

I would like to be a:

_____ Tour Interpreter _____ Summer Host _____ Apprentice*

_____ Master* _____ Event Help _____ Board Member

_____ Maintenance Worker interested in: _____

Emergency Medical Information:

School or Business: _____

Health Insurance Provider: _____

Responsible Insured: _____ Business _____

In case of emergency, call: _____ Relationship _____ Phone # _____

I authorize Philip Foster Farm staff to provide emergency care if needed.

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adult Volunteers: I authorize farm staff to run a background check for safety purposes

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Resume and references required for these positions. Please attach.

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Tour and Event Volunteer Schedule for 2009

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Phones: _____

Days of the week I am available: _____

I am interested in helping with the following events and/or tours (please mark your interests. This is not a commitment. You will be contacted with specific information):

- March: Farm set-up for tours (one day, TBA)
- March 30-June 9: School tours (one day per week)
- May 2 -September 27: Saturday or Sunday farm host 10:00-5:00
- Saturday, May 9: Setup for Mother's Day Brunch
- Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day Brunch help 9:00-4:00
- Saturday, June 20: Setup for Father's Day at the Farm
- Sunday, June 21: Father's Day help 10:00-5:00
- June 22-September 7: Weekday farm host 10:00-5:00
- Saturday, July 18: Setup for Garden Party
- Sunday, July 19: Garden Party help/demonstrations 10:00-5:00
- Farm host for weddings (see calendar at www.philipfosterfarm.com)
- Summer Youth and Adult tours (see calendar)
- August 29: Barn Dance setup and help 2:00-9:00
- September 19: Music Festival/Dutch Oven Cook-off help 10:00-5:00
- September 25: Cider Squeeze set-up 10:00-1:00
- September 26: Cider Squeeze help 9:00-5:00
- October 24: Haunted Farm help 2:00-9:00

Specific jobs I can do (circle all that apply):

House tours, store sales, craft demonstrations, tour guide, barn activities, living history demonstrations, food preparation, food service, membership services, specialty sales, animal rides or demonstrations, cider pressing, blacksmithing, sewing costumes or props, research, advertising, office help, cleaning,

other: _____

Notes: _____

We are heavily dependent on the time and talents of our volunteers. Thank you for helping us preserve and explain our local pioneer heritage.