

Historical Interpreter

Great Camp Sagamore, a National Historic Landmark, is seeking historical interpreters for its 2021 season.

Sagamore is the best-known example of Adirondack Great Camp architecture. Built by William West Durant, it became a Vanderbilt family wilderness retreat and hosted some of the most exciting public figures of the time, far away from the trappings of modern life. Our 27-building campus is surrounded by 170 square miles of "forever wild" NY State Forest Preserve.

The interpreter's primary responsibility is to lead two-hour public tours designed to draw guests into an intricate narrative that touches on themes of local, national and world history. The tour introduces at least a dozen main characters and utilizes the built environment to convey the functions and milieu of camp life through its various historical phases. This is accomplished in a way that is light-hearted and accessible to all visitors.

Historical interpreters will assist with camp operations by maintaining the neatness and cleanliness of facility grounds and buildings as well as assisting with the setup, serving, and cleanup of meals.

The season begins with a two-week training session. Interpreters are then expected to develop their knowledge-base and guiding skills with the support and supervision of the staff historian.

This is a full-time, seasonal, non-exempt, hourly position that runs from early June through mid-October. The standard work schedule is eight hours per day, five days per week. Compensation includes room and board on our historic campus in exchange for a set number of hours assisting with tasks such as room turnover for overnight guests and meal clean-up. Successful applicants will become part of a community of about 30 seasonal and permanent staff.

A minimum of a two-year college degree and previous experience with public speaking are required. Related professional or academic pursuits are a plus. Recent graduates, retirees, and everyone in-between are encouraged to apply.

To apply: Send cover letter explaining interest and qualifications, resume, and contact information of three references to Jennifer Denny and Robert Engel at employment@greatcampsagamore.org. Acceptances are made on a rolling basis until positions filled.