

# Volunteer Stream Description - Animation & Interpretation



The Animation & Interpretation Stream is an essential part of the interpretive program at Memory Lane because it puts visitors in direct contact with real people who have experience, knowledge, and stories to share about life in the 1940s on the Eastern Shore.

The Animation & Interpretation Stream involves the following volunteer roles:

- **Animation** - people in period clothing who interact with artifacts, visitors, and the Village buildings as if going about daily life in the 1940s.
- **Costuming** - people who sew, knit, and mend the replica period clothing worn by animators and guides.
- **Guiding** - people in period clothing who engage and facilitate group visits and school trips.

## What's involved?

These roles could include:

- **Animation** - undertaking tasks appropriate to the building you are animating such as baking in the Webber House kitchen or making shingles in the Shingle Mill; learning about life in the 1940s on the Eastern Shore; interacting with visitors.
- **Costuming** - sewing or knitting items of clothing based on historic patterns; mending replica period clothing that has been damaged; learning about clothing from the 1940s worn on the Eastern Shore.
- **Guiding** - giving guided tours of the Village; greeting buses as they arrive; learning about life in the 1940s on the Eastern Shore.

Time commitment:

- **Animation** - general animation opportunities are daily, June to early October, Wednesday to Sunday. Group / bus / school tours are normally scheduled well in advance and a schedule can be provided at the beginning of the operational season.
- **Costuming** - as and when needed, in your own time.
- **Guiding** - as and when needed for group visits, school trips etc. June through September during Village opening hours (Wednesday-Sunday, 9:30am-4pm).

## Why get involved?

By getting involved with this volunteer stream you will:

- Join a friendly, enthusiastic, and supportive team of volunteers
- Meet people from the local area and further afield
- Learn about the history of the Eastern Shore
- Receive training and develop skills related to your role(s). Training will mostly be on-the-job
- Make a meaningful contribution to the local community
- Have opportunities to take part in mentorship and knowledge transfer programs
- Get to see behind the scenes at a heritage attraction

## Skills, Experience & Interest

- **Animation** - familiarity with or interest in learning about life in the 1940s on the Eastern Shore; willingness to wear a period costume; confidence in speaking with members of the public in a casual setting or wanting to develop skills in this area; making visitors feel welcome.
- **Costuming** - sewing and/or knitting skills and experience; experience of using patterns; access to a sewing machine, knitting needles etc.; interest in learning about clothing from the 1940s.
- **Guiding** - familiarity with or interest in learning about life in the 1940s on the Eastern Shore; willingness to wear a period costume; comfortable speaking to groups of people; making visitors feel welcome; languages other than English (not required but always helpful).

## Recognition

As a thank you for their time and effort, volunteers receive the following:

- Free Cookhouse meal on volunteering days (Jun-Sept, and during special event / designated volunteer days)
- Invitation (with plus one) to Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- For 10+ volunteer hours in a year, a free Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society membership which includes:
  - Free admission to Memory Lane Heritage Village (including most special event days)
  - Ability to vote at all meetings of the Society
  - 10% off Cookhouse Chow, Special Event Meals, and Heritage Dinners
  - Discounted pricing on many evening events, and Heritage Village branded merchandise