



Youth Volunteer Stream Description - Maintenance

The Maintenance Stream is important to keeping the buildings and grounds at Memory Lane Heritage Village in good repair and looking their best for visitors.

What's involved?

This volunteer stream includes youth volunteer roles related to:

- **Cleaning** (general dusting, washing windows, sweeping, and mopping floors etc.)
- **Artifact Cleaning** (brushing, cleaning and oiling of artifacts to improve their appearance and use)
- **Poop Patrol** (tidying up after the free-ranging sheep)
- **Gardening** (planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, etc.)
- **Ice Cutting** (one-off maintenance event during the winter if conditions are suitable)
- **Lawn Mowing**
- **Painting** (touch ups etc.)

Time commitment:

- As and when needed. Gardening support is required more regularly during the summer season.

Age Range

There are roles in this volunteer stream to suit young people of various ages. Cleaning and poop patrol can be good roles for those under 12 while ice cutting, lawn mowing, and painting may be more suitable for those 12+. We always approach age in relation to a particular role on a case by case basis.

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
- Receive training and develop skills related to your role(s). Training will mostly be on-the-job
- Use practical skills to 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
- Have the opportunity to learn about the history of the Eastern Shore if interested

Skills, Experience & Interest

- Ability to follow instructions closely
- Interest and/or experience in gardening
- Comfort level with animals and their waste
- Experience of using a lawn mower
- Commitment to following health and safety rules for the protection of yourself and others, including using appropriate safety equipment if needed
- Comfortable working outside when the weather is not ideal (hot/cold etc.)
- Comfortable with sometimes working with little direct supervision

Recognition

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

- Free Cookhouse meal on volunteering days (Jun-Sept, and during special event / designated volunteer days)
- Invitation to Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - and you can bring a friend!
- 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 (for those 14+)
 - 10% off Cookhouse Chow, Special Event Meals, and Heritage Dinners
 - Discounted pricing on many evening events and Heritage Village branded merchandise
- Youth Socials 1-2 times per year (usually at beginning and end of summer season) - pizza parties, ice cream socials, games nights etc.
- Youth Volunteer Awards, including certificates and small prizes