

Historic Site Interpreter

Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm: Pathways to Dakota and Pioneer Life

Our Mission at Gibbs Farm is "Experience, Understand, Grow". Through field trips, day camps, and weekend and evening programming we bring mid-19th century Minnesota history to life. The life of Jane Gibbs connects Dakota lifeways to pioneer stories in a way that is accessible and exciting to children and adults. We are seeking applicants for part-time, seasonal Historic Site Interpreter positions who are passionate about public history and love working with children.

Applicants must be available to attend all paid training dates (times may change):

Tuesday-Friday, April 16-19; 9:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday, April 23-26; 9:00am-3:00pm

Staff must be able to work a varied schedule of weekdays and Saturdays, May through mid-November. This is a seasonal position, not a summer job.

Employment Start Date: April 2024/Employment End Date: November 2024

10-25 hours/week Wage: \$16.00/hour

The Role of Historic Site Interpreters:

- Educate school children and site visitors by leading engaging tours for field trips and weekend public programming
- Perform manual tasks which demonstrate the historical lifestyle of the mid-1800s.
- Assist with cleaning and caring for historic structures, grounds, animals and gardens.
- Receive, welcome, and orient visitors to the historic site grounds, facility, and history.
- Learn site-related historical materials provided by RCHS/Gibbs Farm.
- Lead children in fun activities at summer day camps
- Assist with off-site activities such as public outreaches, parades, etc.
- Perform admissions, retail sales, and clerical duties.
- Wear period-style costumes.
- Perform additional related work as assigned.

Minimum qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Excellent interpersonal and oral communication skills.
- Enjoys working with diverse audiences.
- Works well in a team setting.

To Apply: Send a cover letter explaining why you would like to work at Gibbs Farm, a recent resume, and three references. E-mail to sammy@rchs.com or mail to Gibbs Farm, 2097 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN 55113. This position is opened until Friday, March 15th, 2024.

Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, & Inclusion

RCHS is committed to ensuring it preserves and presents our county's history. As we continue our work to incorporate more culturally diverse histories, we have made a commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion that is based on this core idea: RCHS exists serve ALL who call Ramsey County home. To learn more, please see <https://rchs.com/about/deai-statements/> .

Acknowledging this Sacred Dakota Land

Mnisóta Makhóčhe, the land where the waters are so clear they reflect the clouds, extends beyond the modern borders of Minnesota and is the ancestral and contemporary homeland of the Dakhóta (Dakota) people. It is also home to the Anishinaabe and other Indigenous peoples, all who make up a vibrant community in Mnisóta Makhóčhe. The Ramsey County Historical Society acknowledges that its sites are located on and benefit from these sacred Dakota lands.

RCHS is committed to preserving our past, informing our present, and inspiring our future. Part of doing so is acknowledging the painful history and current challenges facing the Dakota people just as we celebrate the contributions of Dakota and other Indigenous peoples.

Find our full Land Acknowledgment Statement on our website, <https://rchs.com/about/land-acknowledgement-statement/>. This full statement includes actionable ways in which Ramsey County Historical Society pledges to honor the Dakota and other Indigenous peoples of Mnisóta Makhóčhe.