

## **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 public programming we bring mid-19<sup>th</sup> 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 TBD):**

**Wednesday-Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>; Monday through Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>; Monday-Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Staff must be available to work two full weekdays or three weekday mornings per week as well as one Saturday per month, late April through early November. This is a seasonal position, not a summer job.**

**Employment Start Date: April 2026/Employment End Date: November 2026**

**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.
- Applicants must be able to pass a background check.

**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](mailto:sammy@rchs.com) or mail to Gibbs Farm, 2097 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights, MN 55113. Applications will be accepted until 6pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### **Our Commitment to Our Community and Ourselves**

Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) is committed to *preserving our past, informing our present, and inspiring our future*. The “our” repeated three times in our mission is intentional—we exist to serve everyone in our community to the best of our abilities and we seek out team members whose values align with ours. We strive to create and maintain a workplace that respects each individual, seeks and values diverse perspectives, and ensures each employee can actively contribute to fulfilling the organization’s mission. For more about our commitment to our community, vision, and values, please see [https://rchs.com/about/our\\_commitment\\_to\\_our\\_community/](https://rchs.com/about/our_commitment_to_our_community/)

### **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.