

THE MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Job Description

Title: Farmer/Interpreter

Part Time: Annual or Seasonal

Division: Historic Sites - Fosterfields

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Position Charter:

Under the supervision of the Farm Foreman, the Part-time Farmer/Interpreter implements a schedule of daily operations at the Fosterfields Living Historic Farm, and interprets the Farm to school groups and general visitors to the site.

Essential Functions:

- Carries out assignments on the Farm as directed.
- Follows established safety guidelines and uses proper equipment.
- Cuts grass by using tractors, riding mowers, power walk-behind mowers, manual mowers, scythes, power trimmers, etc.
- Prunes and trims trees by using chain saws, manual saws, pole saws, pruning saws, loppers, etc., from the ground and by team use of appropriate safety ladders.
- Cuts and removes brush using chain saws and other equipment.
- Uses period and modern implements associated with the successful culture of field crops, small fruits, orchards, vegetables, herbs and ornamental plants from planting through harvest in operations including, but not limited to, ploughing, harrowing, planting, cultivating, fertilizing, liming, spraying, pruning and harvesting.
- Assists with routine maintenance on farm structures, equipment and systems comprising Fosterfields Living Historic Farm, using both period and modern practices as required.
- Assists with the restoration and maintenance of period farm machinery and implements associated with the historic farm program.
- Assists with general maintenance on modern equipment.
- Uses and cares for domesticated animals in an historic farm setting.

Other Functions:

- Assists with the interpretive programming associated with the farm and provides pertinent commentary to the public about Fosterfields Living Historic Farm and period and modern farm life and operations.
- Wears suitable period costuming when the farm is open to the public, to be provided by the Park Commission.
- Performs other functions as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work flexible shifts, including evenings and weekends, but not more than two weekends per month.
- Knowledge of the tools, methods and materials used in farming and landscape area maintenance.
- Knowledge of horticultural theory and procedures used in maintaining landscapes.
- Demonstrated ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at an eighth-grade level in order to safely operate equipment and apply fertilizers and pesticides.
- Ability to understand and follow written and oral directions.
- Ability to maintain, lift and carry weights of fifty pounds.
- Physical dexterity, strength and coordination sufficient to operate manual and power cutting and maintenance equipment.
- Ability to interact with the Public.
- Possession of valid New Jersey Driver's License.
- The physical ability to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.

Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.