

# Historical Interpretation and Performance Intern

## First State Heritage State Park

### DELAWARE STATE PARK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



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#### DESCRIPTION

Bring the past to LIFE! Work alongside our professional staff of historical educators at multiple sites clustered in the state Capital that interpret Victorian and Colonial eras. As an intern in this position you will conduct historical education programs in period dress, research and develop programming and deliver presentations on- and off-site.

#### LOCATION

First State Heritage Park, Dover, DE

<https://destateparks.com/History/FirstStateHeritage>

#### TERM OF SERVICE

Year Round – Full Time 30-35 hours per week

Summer – 12 weeks – Full Time 30-35 hours per week

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with park staff to conduct educational programs
- Conduct walking tours of The Dover Green
- Use period-correct clothing, tools, and props for interpretation and demonstrations
- Participate in historic theater pieces, specifically during lantern tours
- Interpret Delaware's active capitol building, Legislative Hall
- Other duties as assigned

#### REQUIRED SKILLS

- Must be able to work flexible hours, including some evenings and Saturdays
- Dress in period clothing supplied by the park
- An interest in history, education or historical interpretation
- Must be able to work at least one day a week for the term of the internship
- Able to communicate effectively with a diverse public and speak publicly in front of groups or audiences.
- Ability to understand and appreciate the historical context of the program.
- Ability to recreate mood of historical period.
- Professional appearance and demeanor.
- Responsible and trustworthy
- Pleasant and personable, enjoys people
- Independent and responsible
- Presents program as instructed by Park Interpreter, Educator or Nature Center Manager.
- Ability to understand and follow verbal and written instructions.
- Able to assist with both Indoor and Outdoor programs.
- Able to stand for long periods, lift 10 pounds from crouching position, and walk 5 miles

- Performs duties in compliance with Division and Park Customer Service Guidelines and Safety Guidelines.

#### **DIRECT SUPERVISOR**

The direct supervisor will be the Interpreter of First State Heritage Park .

#### **BENEFITS**

- **Training:** A hallmark of the program, interns receive training from the field experts they will be working with. Includes Seasonal Interpreter Training and FA/CPR. In addition to this formal and informal training to successfully conduct their internship assignment, interns will have the opportunity to build associated skills and share real-time experience with park staff and colleagues. Training will be made available to the interns to further their personal and professional development.
- **Housing:** Limited co-ed housing is available, at no fee, for interns providing full-time hours (30 or more per week). If selected for housing, an intern will share a house, duplex or dorm facility with other interns.
- **Activities:** Interns will have the opportunity not only to visit ALL Delaware State Parks at no fee, but also participate in many of the tours, programs, and associated events for free. Delaware State Parks span the length of the state and whether it be canoeing at Trap Pond State Park, surfing at Delaware Seashore State Park, attending a concert at Bellevue State Park, or touring the living history facility at Fort Delaware, there is certainly something for everyone.
- **Stipend Available:** Interns are not employees of the State of Delaware- they are considered volunteers and are not paid for their service. Interns may elect to receive a stipend to help cover expenses incurred during their volunteer intern service. The stipend is a fixed amount of \$100 per week for service of 30 or more hours per week or \$50.00 per week for service of between 20 – 29 hours/ week paid biweekly as a direct deposit into the Intern’s bank account.
  - The stipend is not a wage, but does count toward the total income on which the intern’s tax obligation is based. Interns electing to receive the stipend will complete IRS Form W-9 Request for Tax-Payer Identification as self-employed and will receive a Form 1099 at the end of the year that reports the amount of income from the stipend. No taxes are withheld from the stipend.

**All Delaware State Parks Interns are required to undergo and successfully complete a background check performed by the Division.**

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