

Costumed Interpreter (part-time)

Costumed Interpreter is a professional position involving responsibilities for visitor relations and interpretation of the historic structures at Old Alabama Town. This position reports to the Tour Coordinator.

Contact: Tour Coordinator Jane Coker at j.coker@oldalabamatown.com

Wage: \$10 per hour

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Greets all visitors and welcomes them to the assigned historic structure
- Conducts conversations with visitors of all ages, interests, abilities, and backgrounds to bring about new understandings of history
- Provides approved interpretation of an assigned historic structure
- Provides either first person or third person narrative, as assigned
- Directs visitors to other parts of the site
- Participate in annual and ongoing training to build professional knowledge in historical content, interpretive techniques, and educational theory
- Reports any maintenance issues to the Maintenance Technician or any curatorial issues to the Curator

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Skilled at verbal communications with visitors, staff, volunteers, and community
- Ability to interpret historical collections and communicate knowledge relevant to the collections in a manner that is understandable to the general public
- Knowledge of and/or ability to learn about Alabama history
- Knowledge of and/or ability to learn about distinct types of Alabama architecture
- Ability to cooperate fully with other staff, volunteers, and visitors
- Ability to be punctual during working hours
- Ability to climb stairs and stand for lengths of time
- Ability to be outside during inclement weather
- Ability to wear a costume that is period and site-appropriate daily
- Availability (upon reasonable request) for special events and after-hours activities

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with public speaking
- Experience with first or third-person costumed interpretation