

WHITESBOG VOLUNTEER JOBS

Volunteers at Whitesbog plays a vital role in fulfilling Whitesbog Preservation Trust's mission: To restore, protect and enhance historic Whitesbog Village, and to preserve and interpret the White family legacy, inspiring audiences of all ages to experience the origins and past innovations of cranberry and blueberry culture and the rich culture and unique ecology of the New Jersey Pine Barrens.

Whitesbog hosts a Volunteer Workday from 10 am - 3 pm the first Saturday of each month. Volunteers are given their choice of projects, tools and lunch is provided. All ages welcome.

Office and Administrative volunteers assist with filing, typing, arranging binders, logging documents, mini projects in preparation for upcoming events such as training, answering phones, preparing outgoing mail, etc. and assisting other volunteers as needed. Online work can be done to add event listings and enter data for visitors and volunteers.

General Store Shopkeepers work on weekends from 10:00 - 3:00. The General Store is often the first stop for visitors and shopkeepers answer visitor questions about the village, hand out maps and provide directions and learn about visitor interests. Shopkeepers also sell products, restock shelves, monitor inventory and cleans if needed. Previous cash handling experience is preferred.

Event Helpers are needed for the Blueberry Festival and for events throughout the year. Learn all about event design, planning, hosting and evaluation while manning tables (tours, baked goods, ice cream stand, pie eating contest, blueberry picking), helping with tour guides, traffic control and parking, wagon ride attendants, festival preparation (crafters, artists, food vendors, sign preparation, publicity and distribution of promotional materials), storekeepers for inside and outside sales, organizing musicians and more.

Village Tour Guides share the many stories of village leaders, workers and residents as well as the buildings, collections, farm, plants and preservation. Information is acquired by the volunteer through training and publications. This job builds interpretive and communication skills. **Living History volunteers** bring history to life while portraying the village residents, farm workers and noted Whitesbog personalities. Costumes, training and props provided.

Archives and Museum Assistants work closely with the Archives Team to describe and catalogue acquisitions, including typing, scanning, photography, filing, recording gifts and various curatorial activities. Museum tasks include housekeeping, inventorying, photographing artifacts, cataloging objects, and creating temporary exhibits.

Trail and Garden Volunteers assist with maintaining the gardens and grounds of Elizabeth White's home, Suningive and the surrounding trails while learning about plants of the Pine Barrens. Volunteers may use a variety of hand and power tools associated with gardening work, such as hedge trimmers, pruning shears, loppers, sprayers, lawn mowers and weed whackers. Garden guides work with the Landscape Committee to identify rare and native plants, help to maintain signage, update plant lists and conduct garden tours. Enjoy the outdoors and become physically fit while helping to improve the trails at Historic Whitesbog Village. Eagle Scouts and other groups help build bridges, boardwalks and install signs. Trail Blazers can start an Adopt-A-Trail Program to clear brush and limbs along trails as well as pick-up trash and debris along trails and tour roads.

Have an idea for a project? Reach out to us at whitesbogevents@gmail.com All ages welcome.