

Dear Interested Volunteer,

Thank you for interest in the Fort Nisqually Volunteer program. We would like to welcome you and provide you with some initial information on how to get started as a new volunteer.

Our staff offers volunteer training classes at various times throughout the year. These classes are free of charge and provide in-depth information about life and work at Fort Nisqually under the Hudson's Bay Company. After receiving your application, we will get in contact with you about the volunteer training program. We welcome you to attend and observe the fort's events as your time permits.

Again, thank you for your interest; we look forward to meeting you. Welcome to Fort Nisqually!

Sincerely,

Fort Nisqually Staff

p.s. If you have questions, please feel free to call (253) 404-3970 or e-mail us at fortnisqually@tacomaparks.com

FORT NISQUALLY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Fort Nisqually Mission Statement

Fort Nisqually Living History Museum inspires exploration and discovery of our connection with Pacific Northwest history by providing interactive learning experiences.

Explore, Discover, Connect!

The purpose of the volunteer program at Fort Nisqually is to give members of the community an opportunity to contribute towards the successful realization of our mission.

Fort Nisqually volunteers support and assist the permanent staff in a variety of projects and activities. Volunteer services are fundamental for the continued enrichment of the site as an important historical resource to the community. Volunteers are expected to maintain historical accuracy and professional standards.

Volunteers have the opportunity to learn about our region's history, skills and crafts of the past, get involved with other relevant historic groups, and attend volunteer social events throughout the year.

Listed below are ways in which a volunteer can get involved with Fort Nisqually:

Education

Volunteers interested in this area assist the staff conducting school and public tours of the facility. Wearing period clothes, volunteers interpret life at Fort Nisqually in the mid-nineteenth century.

Re-enactor

A re-eneactor is a volunteer who wants to focus on portraying a person from the Puget Sound region in the mid-nineteenth century. The person portrayed should accurately represent the look, occupation, ethnicity, and lifestyle of someone who would have been associated with Fort Nisqually.

Period Clothes Collection Assistant

These volunteers assist the staff in checkout and maintenance of our period clothing collection. Researching and sewing new clothes for our collection is a valuable part of this volunteer function.

Office Support

Volunteers in this area assist the staff by doing historic research, cataloging library books, data input, answering telephones, marketing and mailings.

Crafts/Skill Demonstrations

Volunteers have an opportunity to demonstrate period appropriate crafts and skills at Fort Nisqually. Those putting on demonstrations are knowledgeable about the history of their particular craft/skill and are able to incorporate it into the fort's history. Those wanting to demonstrate black powder need to be cleared by our master of arms. Those wanting to work in our blacksmith shop must be approved by the head smith.

Return this completed application to Fort Nisqually, 5400 N. Pearl St. #11, Tacoma, WA 98407 or via e-mail at: fortnisqually@tacomaparks.com.

Fort Nisqually Volunteer Application

Fort Nisqually Living History Museum, 5400 N. Pearl St. #11, Tacoma, WA 98407
e-mail: fortnisqually@tacomaparks.com

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age(if under 18) _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Name Phone Relationship

Reference: (Name, email & phone # or Address) _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (most recent): _____
Company Position Dates

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOU. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/SPECIAL INTERESTS:

DO YOU HAVE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE? PLEASE LIST:

FORT NISQUALLY LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM INTEREST AREAS (check as many as desired):

- Office Support Education Crafts/Skills Demonstrations Re-enactor Period Clothes Assistant
 --- School Tours --- Woodworking ---HBC
 --- Sewing --- American Settler
 --- Blacksmith
 --- Cooking
 --- Gardening
 --- Weaving
 --- Blackpowder
 --- Other: _____