



Junior Docent Program

Description

The Junior Docent Program is free and available to interested and highly motivated students ages 13-17. Junior Docents will have the opportunity to develop strong communication skills through visitor interaction and participation in special events. Junior Docents will learn how to effectively interpret information learned in training sessions. They will learn various techniques for presenting information in a personal, friendly, professional, and educationally engaging manner—all while having a great deal of fun!

Junior docents will be able to do some or all of the following based on interest, training, and level of expertise:

- Conduct tours of our reconstructed fort and museum galleries, jointly with experienced docents or independently with the consent of the Director of Education, after demonstrating the ability to do so.
- Provide staff assistance by assisting with program preparation
- Act as a costumed interpreter in a portion of the Fort
- Provide staff support during summer camps
- Participate in living history demonstrations for visitors
- Engage visitors through the use of an activity cart

Applying to the program:

- Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis
- Applicants must submit an application with an endorsement from at least one teacher, school administrator, or other community member
- Parents or guardians must sign the waiver
- Participants must agree to commit to at least one program or tour per month for a minimum of three months
- Participants must attend two mandatory training sessions per year
- All applicants must pass a written test before participating in programs or events
- All applicants must pass a tour performance task prior to giving tours

Upon request, docents will receive a letter from Fort Ligonier identifying the number of volunteer hours for the calendar year.

Junior Docent Application

Applicant Name (please print) _____

Age _____

School Attended, Grade _____ Birthdate _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ ** Email is the primary method of communication*

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Do you have any medical conditions or special needs we need to be aware of? Yes/ No

If yes, please explain in detail

Parental Permission:

I do hereby consent to my minor child's participation in Fort Ligonier's Junior Docent Program. I acknowledge that participation in this program may expose my child to the possibility of injury. I grant the Fort Ligonier staff the authority to obtain emergency medical treatment as necessary to insure that my child is safe from further injury. In consideration of Fort Ligonier allowing my child to participate in this program, I agree to waive and release Fort Ligonier from all claims for damages that may arise, other than by negligence of Fort Ligonier, its employees and agents, as a result of my child's participation in the program. I am aware that my child may appear in a photograph or video taken by Fort Ligonier staff or local media and that photograph or video may appear in a variety of media sources on behalf of Fort Ligonier.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

I am interested in participating in the following ways:

____Living history demonstrations

____ Summer Camps

_____ Interpretation

_____Guided Tours

_____Activity Cart

____Special Events

Teacher or School Administrator Endorsement:

I have reviewed the program description for the Junior Docent Program at Fort Ligonier and recommend _____ for participation.

Name (printed) _____

Title or Position _____

Date _____ How long have you known the applicant? _____

Applicant Narrative

Please describe in a paragraph or two why you are interested in history and what you hope to gain from your participation in the Fort Ligonier Junior Docent Program.

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____