

Historic Oak View County Park Park Aide – Education Position

About Historic Oak View County Park

Historic Oak View County Park is a public park that is the site of a 19th century plantation. The park includes several historic buildings and structures, a visitor center, and garden and orchard features. The site also has 2 picnic shelters, a fishing pond, hiking trails, and farm animals (goats and chickens). The park is open daily to visitors of all ages to enjoy

the site's cultural and natural history. Oak View's goals are to serve a diverse public as a site for meaningful community engagement, thoughtful and honoring learning and reflection, and healthy recreation.

Position Overview: Park Aide – Education

A Park Aide – Education serves as a knowledgeable and friendly representative for Historic Oak View, providing educational experiences to school groups and the general public. The park is currently seeking dynamic and engaging individuals from all backgrounds and abilities to join our Part-time Educator team. Although well-rounded candidates are preferred, candidates with an ability to engage visitors will be preferred over those with strong content knowledge.

Primary Responsibilities

- Lead visitors of all ages through engaging interpretive and educational experiences that provide audiences with a deeper understanding of the lives of all people, free and enslaved, landowner and landless, who lived and worked at Oak View.
- Conduct research to broaden knowledge of topics related to Oak View's history, particularly the history of slavery, sharecropping, and tenant farming in North Carolina.
- Welcome visitors and provide information about the park, respond to requests about the property, assist with program registration, and represent the park in a positive manner at all times.

Secondary Responsibilities

- Assist with the planning and execution of successful park programs and special events.
- Assist in the daily care of the park's goats and chickens, and assist with operations duties as needed, including (but not limited to) trash collection and maintenance/cleaning of buildings.
- Participate in regular internal trainings and staff meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.

Skills and Qualifications

- Interest or studies in history, museums, education, or other topics related to programs is preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with culturally diverse audiences and learners of varying ages.
- Clear and effective communication skills and a willingness to learn.
- Committed to visitor engagement, able to adapt and be flexible in a dynamic environment to meet the needs of all visitors.
- Comfortable around animals, specifically farm livestock.
- Applicant will be required to complete a background check prior to employment.

Hours and Compensation

Park Aide–Education employees work up to 20 hours/week with some weekend work expected. All employees must have some weekday morning availability (8:30 am–12:30 pm) to fulfill the educational programming requirements. Hiring rate is \$11.00/hour.

To apply: Send a resume to Abby Kellerman, Assistant Park Manager–Education, at Abigail.Kellerman@wakegov.com (use the same email address for any job-related questions).