

Sodus Bay Historical Society Volunteer Opportunities – Overview

There are many volunteer opportunities that support the mission of the society! The Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum is open from May 15-October 15, Tuesday-Sunday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in June, July, and August, and 12-5 p.m. in May, September, and October. We are also open Monday holidays. The majority of our volunteer positions and projects fall within the same seasonal period of May to October. We provide an orientation to all new volunteers and follow up with on-the-job training as needed.

Following is a brief description of just a few options:

Museum Gift Shop Host and Cashier

Our gift shop hosts are expected to provide friendly customer service to all visitors. They serve as greeters, welcoming visitors and members to browse the gift shop and/or take a museum tour.

Volunteers receive on-the-job training; they also serve as ambassadors of the museum, helping visitors with many questions such as where to eat, what else to see in the area, and directions to the beach.

Museum Tour Guide (Docent)

Our tour guide position is very interesting and educational. We expect our volunteer guides to provide friendly customer service to all visitors. Tour guides receive orientation and follow-up on-the-job training; they will learn the highlights of the various exhibitions. The primary goal is to make our history come alive and ensure that visitors have an exceptional experience at the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum!

Concert Series Concession Stand

The museum hosts a concert series that starts on July Fourth with the Gap Mangione Big Band and continues every Sunday through Labor Day. The Concession Stand supports the financial goals of the museum. This is a well-run, efficient, and fun position. We need at least 5 volunteers each Sunday.

Volunteers receive on-the-job training and typically work one or two concerts per year. The concerts are from 2-4 p.m.; volunteers arrive by noon to set up. Popcorn, hot dogs, and other snacks are cooked and served by volunteers.

Independence Extravaganza (a, July 3, through Sunday, July 7, 2019)

Kiddie Parade & Fun Festival: Volunteers take care of all the details! Typically almost 100 children and their families march in patriotic splendor. Volunteers organize the parade, hand out gifts, staff the activity tables, and help out after the parade.

Breakfast on the Bluff: Volunteers are welcome to join the committee for this community favorite. Pancakes, sausages, and eggs are served from 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers set up tables and chairs, keep the tables clean, and of course sell tickets and serve the meals.

Lighthouse 5-K Run Presented by Fleet Feet: We need volunteers on to sign in runners, distribute t-shirts, serve as marshals on the race course, and many more to staff water stations and various other jobs! The race will be held on Saturday, July 6.

“History Alive!” Lecture Series

This popular event is featured once a month on specified weekend afternoons at the lighthouse or weekday evenings at the Sodus Point Village Hall. Our presenters include speakers and authors. We need volunteers to help set up and to greet attendees.

Photographers

We need volunteers to take pictures for ALL of our events and projects. You can sign up for one event or many!