

It Takes A **VILLAGER**



SINCE OUR LAST MEETING...

We've welcomed 5 new volunteers and 2 collections interns and we are so thankful they are choosing to spend their valuable time with us!

Our Education Team has been very busy - we've had approximately 55 field trips with around 1,931 students visit the Village in the last month and a half! This is an impressive number, and we are thankful for all of our Volunteers who have helped prepare school crafts!

Almost 1,400 students came to Civil War Days over 7 days! Lots of fun was had by all!

Over 15 yards of mulch was laid at the Village over three days thanks to the hard work of our high school volunteers, a few adult volunteers, and the Troy Garden Club!

The Pioneer Garden is growing beautifully under the direction of Matthew, one of our History Interpreters.



The Troy Garden Club has been working diligently at getting the gardens in tip-top shape. The peonies at the Caswell House are as big as my head!

The City of Troy has been fixing up the Gazebo, so you'll notice some parts that are not yet painted. If you're interested in volunteering to help paint, now is your time to shine!

Our Spring Programs finished with lots of happy faces and great feedback. Our summer programs have officially started!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next Volunteer Meeting will be **Tuesday, July 5 at 11am - 12:30pm**. It's a cookout! Stay the whole time, or stop by for a few. Bring a dish to pass and we can enjoy the outdoors together. RSVP on Sign Up Genius!

LOGGING VOLUNTEER HOURS

As we near the end of the July 2021 - June 2022 fiscal year, it is important to make sure all your volunteer hours are logged. The Hours Log book is still located in the Conference Room in the 1927 Township Hall and you can stop by Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm to write in your hours.

We will be piloting a new online system where you can log your hours virtually from home, so stay tuned! If you're willing to help test this new system, please let us know and we will send you the link to try. **Please have all of your hours for this fiscal year documented by July 7, 2022.**

Why is it important to log volunteer hours? What do we use them for?

Volunteer hours are a wonderful representation of the community we continue to build at the Troy Historic Village. The hours are also used to demonstrate need when applying for grants or other sponsorship opportunities.

CIVIL WAR DAYS

Over 1,400 students attended our Civil War Days program this year, and we are so thankful to the Volunteers who donated their time to help guide groups through each program.

As always, the Surgeon and his leech were a big hit! We also had a new presenter in the Cabin who did a great job teaching and emulating gratitude for the educators in our lives, and a new President Lincoln who made a grand impression with all.

Our Civil War Days program for 8th graders occurs every year during mid-May, so please mark your calendars for next year!

UPDATING VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL RECORDS

In an effort to consolidate all Volunteer Personnel Records, we will work towards having all current Volunteers update their information so it can be stored in our online database.

The goal is to have everyone's records updated by the end of the summer. Stay tuned for updates on the process!

HAVE YOU JOINED A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE YET?

We have many opportunities to join a Volunteer Committee! Some examples of the Committees are our **Tuesday Work Crew** (construction and maintenance around the Village), **Scarecrow Team** (building/creating scarecrows, talking to businesses as potential new sponsors), **Troy Traffic Jammers** (spread the word of our car show at other car shows in the area, help organize our largest event), **Crafting Crew** (prepare crafts for field trips and other kid activities).

We will be adding more Volunteer Committees in the future, and if you are interested in any of the above send Barbara an email for more information!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VICTORIAN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SATURDAY JUNE 25 10AM - 3PM

THV is celebrating summer with a new program this year, the Victorian Strawberry Festival! Guests will get to celebrate strawberries and ice cream, summer dresses, and early summer sun and Victorian lawn games! We need folks to help serve our sweet ice cream treats, and some more folks to help lead activities or other games!

TROY GARDEN CLUB GARDEN WALK WEDNESDAY JULY 13 9:30AM - 8:30PM

The Troy Garden Club is hosting their annual Garden Walk and will need assistance from Volunteers to help guests carry their purchases from the plant sale and to also help guide guests where to park.

TROY SUMMER RAFFLE TUESDAY JUNE 7 - WEDNESDAY JULY 13

The Troy Historical Society's Summer Raffle is now live! If you're interested in helping out in any capacity, contact Barbara to learn more.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM ONGOING

Do you enjoy going to car shows? Do you enjoy talking about the great programs at the Village? Interested in combining the two? We need folks who are interested in going to car shows to act as Village Ambassadors! You'll talk to the car show participants about the Troy Traffic Jam and give them information about registering at our car show!

TROY TRAFFIC JAM SUNDAY AUGUST 7 10AM - 3PM

It's almost time for our biggest event of the year! It's all hands on deck for this car party! Please put this date on your calendar, and don't forget to tell your friends so they can come spend the day with us, too!

CHEDDAR'S SUMMER SPLASH SATURDAY AUGUST 20 11AM - 3PM

Help us celebrate Cheddar the Mouse's birthday this summer by Volunteering to lead beach games, crafts, or help pass out treats!

SUMMER CRAFT PREP ONGOING

Half-Day Histories will be taking over our Village this summer, and we will need help preparing crafts and other supplies for the programs!

More information about upcoming Volunteer Opportunities including links to sign up will be sent out via email. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@thvmail.org or call the Village at 248-524-3570.