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Museum Now Taking Applications for Summer Apprentice Program

TIFTON--Young persons between the ages of 14 to 18 years old can apply for the Summer Apprentice Program at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The deadline to apply for this program is May 9.

The Apprentice Program is designed to offer youth an opportunity to learn about history, gain experience and understanding of a professional work environment, and prepare them to be an active volunteer in their community. This experience will offer apprentices a variety of new skills. To be selected as a youth volunteer, applicants must turn in a written application and participate in a short interview.

Youth Apprentices fulfill a minimum of 60 volunteer hours throughout the year. The majority of those hours will be during the months of July and August. They also volunteer one Saturday out of every month during the year. Time spent in the program counts toward community service hours for school clubs and at Tift County High School for the community service chord at graduation.
During the summer, apprentices will work side-by-side with the Museum’s historical interpreters learning details about each of the buildings in the Village and life in South Georgia during the late 1800s. During their time at the Museum, apprentices also enjoy field trips, group research on selected topics, a communications workshop, and guest speakers.

“It is very experiential, very informational, and helped me with building career skills,” said Justin Harper, an apprentice who worked for two years at the Museum. “I liked meeting the guests from all over Georgia, other states and even other countries. Being an apprentice has allowed me to meet other people, and some of them have become my good friends.”

Another two year member of the program, Michaela Lubbers, said, “It really showed me the value of hard work. For me personally, the history is very interesting. I like how we show, rather than tell, people about 1870s – 1890s rural Georgia.”

For more information on the Summer Apprentice Program, interested persons can contact Lynn McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator, at (229) 391-5223.

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