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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 1.

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 Apprentice, applicants must turn in a written application with two letters of recommendation and participate in a short interview. Interviews will be scheduled as applications are submitted.

Youth Apprentices fulfill a minimum of 60 volunteer hours throughout the year. The majority of those hours will be during the months of June and July. They also volunteer one Saturday out of every month during the year and during special events. 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.

“In recapping their year, apprentices have commented about an appreciation for the conveniences of today’s world versus 1880s farm life and the friendships they made among the group as well as learning to communicate with guests and developing skills such as crocheting and blacksmithing,” said Lynn McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator.
For more information on the Summer Apprentice Program or to obtain an application, interested persons can contact McDonald at (229) 391-5223 or lmcdonald@abac.edu.

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