

# **Antelope Island State Park Volunteer Curator Position**

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**Job Title:** Antelope Island Volunteer Curator

**Supervisor:** Clay Shelley, Park Curator

**Location:**

Antelope Island State Park, 4528 West 1700 South, Syracuse, Utah 84075  
Fielding Garr Ranch  
Various Field Locations

**Time Commitment Expected:**

Two (2) programs per month or at least five (5) hours minimum

**Days of the Week:** Determined by individual

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**Program Description:**

Antelope Island Volunteer Curators assist the Park Curator in the collection management of the parks collections, developing and conducting educational and interpretive programs to scout groups, families and other visitors to our park. We offer Junior Ranger Programs, historical hikes, guided tours, historical presentations and special events during the summer months. Some limited programming is offered during the winter months.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Assist Park Curator or other Volunteer Curator/ Ranch Staff with program development, including scheduling programs and events.
- Assist with leading and conducting guided ranch tours.
- Accompany Curator or other Volunteer Curator/Staff on programs and assist as needed
- Assist Park Curator with collection management duties.
- Assist Park Curator with Guided historical hikes.
- Assist Park Curator with historical research on island.
- Informing guests of programs/events happening within the park.

**Qualifications:**

- A willingness to learn new skills.
- Able to work in a variety of settings, terrain, and weather conditions with people of diverse backgrounds.
- Able to work with children and adults.
- Previous educational/interpretive experience or education preferred but not necessary.
- Familiarity with Antelope Island State Park and its cultural history a plus.
- Able to hike several miles during the day.
- Dependability – willing to commit to and follow through on assigned duties and programs.
- Dedicated to providing accurate and meaningful interpretation and education to park visitors.
- Ability to work individually and as a team member.
- Ability to hike trails varying in difficulty from easy to moderate.
- Public speaking experience highly recommended

**Working Conditions:**

Antelope Island Volunteer Curators often work in a variety of weather conditions including but not limited to the following: hot, dry conditions; high winds; cold, wet weather; bugs; and other conditions related to an outdoor environment.

**Training Required:**

- **Core Volunteer Curator Training** – Three week training course. Meet one day per week for three weeks (Thursdays or Saturdays) in the early spring (March). Volunteers may attend either weekday or weekend trainings or a combination of the two. This training is required for new volunteer Curators.
- **Program Observations** – You must observe a paid staff person or experienced volunteer curator lead each type of program at least once prior to teaching on your own.
- **Continuing Education Sessions** – Several skill-building or cultural classes are offered throughout the year. You are strongly encouraged to attend these in addition to the core training.

**Benefits:**

- 50 hours of service earns you a Utah State Parks VIP Pass, good at all 43 state parks for day use.
- An Antelope Island State Park entrance pass.
- The opportunity to work in one of the most beautiful and dynamic areas of the State of Utah.
- The chance to learn new skills and interact with great staff and the public.
- Volunteer appreciation dinners and parties

**Other Comments:**

There is a limited enrollment for the Volunteer Curator Position – only 10 applicants will be accepted. An interview and a background check are required.

**Application deadline** for the 2013 season is **March 1, 2013.**

Send completed application to: Antelope Island State Park, Attn: Clay Shelley, 4528 West, 1700 South, Syracuse Utah, 84075 or scan and email to: [clayshelley@utah.gov](mailto:clayshelley@utah.gov). You may also fax it to: 801-779-2604 Attn: Clay



## Volunteer Naturalist Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

General Public Guided Tours – Weekdays and Weekends (ranch, hikes, walks, driving, etc)

General Public Stationary – Weekdays and Weekends (ranch, daytime, evening, etc)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to work?  Am  Pm

Are you in school?  No  Yes Where?

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Educational Degrees:

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Are you currently employed?  No  Yes Where?

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Do you speak any language(s) other than English?  No  Yes

If yes, which language(s)

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Can you hike at least ½ mile on a moderate level trail?  No  Yes

Are you trained in?  CPR  First Aid

The goal of the Antelope Island Volunteer Curator Program is to train you to lead historical programs for a variety of audiences. Why do you want to be an Antelope Island Volunteer Curator?

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Do you have interpretive experience or education? (please describe)

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Have you ever taught or worked with children or Adults? (please list your experience)

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Which age group(s) do you prefer working with? (check all that apply)

Elementary (age 6-12)

Teens (age 12-17)  Adults  Families (mixed age groups)

Please list any special skills or areas of interest you have, i.e. photography, art, history, teaching, storytelling, etc:

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Is there anything else you think we should know about you? If so, please add it here.

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Agreement with Antelope Island Volunteer Curator Program:

If selected for the position of Volunteer Curator with Antelope Island, I agree to the following:

I will complete the Antelope Island Volunteer Training

I will be able to fulfill the hourly requirements of this position

I plan on making a commitment of at least one full season to the Volunteer Curator Program

I understand and accept a background check will be conducted

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications are due February 22, 2013**

*Interviews will be conducted either in person or via telephone following receipt of application.*

**Core Volunteer Curator Training is on Thursdays AND/OR Saturdays  
March 7, 9 & 21, 23 & 28, 23 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

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