

VESTERHEIM VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

Yes - I would like to volunteer!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

There are many volunteer opportunities available at Vesterheim. Take a few minutes to look over this questionnaire and let us know what kinds of activities/projects would be of interest to you.

◆ *Do you enjoy interacting with the public or teaching?*

_____ **Guiding:** Museum's main building • Open Air Division
(circle preferences)

_____ **Hosting:** greet visitors in museum lobby

_____ **Teaching Assistance:** assist with crafts, etc. at special events; school groups; scouts

◆ *Do you prefer clerical tasks?*

_____ **Mail Preparation:** stuffing envelopes labeling

_____ **Clerical:** typing photocopying proofreading hand addressing (circle any that apply)

◆ *Did you know that research and recordkeeping opportunities are available to volunteers?*

_____ **Research:** assist curators with various topics

_____ **Translating:** Norwegian to English, English to Norwegian

_____ **Library/Archives Aide:** assist with cataloging and other projects

◆ *Do you have particular hands-on skills that you could bring to projects at Vesterheim?*

_____ **Museum store aide:** dust shelves, pricing

_____ **Sewing:** simple hand and machine work

_____ **Carpentry:** exhibit preparation, open air division building maintenance

_____ **Painting:** exhibit preparation, open air division building maintenance

_____ **Gardening:** flower beds and boxes

_____ **Cleaning:** kitchen cupboards, appliances, windows, etc.

◆ **Hospitality is a high priority at Vesterheim. Would you enjoy helping with any of the following?**

_____ **Transportation:** transport Norwegian instructors and scholars to and from airport (Rochester, Minneapolis)

_____ **Entertain:** arrange meals and side trips for Norwegian instructors and scholars

_____ **Hospitality committee:** help with occasional receptions by serving, baking, or decorating

_____ **Baking:** make treats for events and receptions not listed below

Scandinavian specialties _____

Other specialties _____

◆ **The following special events are held each year. These events present many opportunities for volunteer participation. Circle the ones that interest you.**

NORDIC FEST (last weekend in July)

NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS (first weekend in December)

_____ **Folk Art Demonstration for school groups and at events:** (circle any that apply)

weaving spinning carving rosemaling other

_____ **Craft material preparation:** assist with crafts

_____ **Serving food:** during special events/receptions

_____ **Cashier:** selling tickets at special events

_____ **Set up:** tables, equipment, displays, decorations for special events

◆ Please list any other skills you would be willing to share with us. _____

◆ Do you know others who might like to volunteer for Vesterheim?

Name and Contact Information _____

◆ Are you currently a member of Vesterheim? YES/NO

◆ Are you a member of a Sons of Norway lodge or other similar organization, and willing to offer brochures, information about Vesterheim to fellow members?

Organization/s _____ YES/NO

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Additional comments:

Each year, hundreds of volunteers offer thousands of hours toward the sustainability of Vesterheim's mission.

Thank you for generously sharing your time and talent. It is much appreciated! Martha Griesheimer

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