



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 _____ Heritage Park _____

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

_____ **Teaching Assistance:** assist with crafts, etc. for special events and school groups

Do you prefer clerical tasks?

_____ **Clerical:** typing _____ proofreading _____ hand addressing _____

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** _____ **Painting** _____: exhibit preparation, Heritage Park 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 volunteers. Circle the one(s) that interest you and indicate your volunteer preferences.

NORDIC FEST (last weekend in July)

NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS (first weekend in December)

_____ **Folk Art Demonstration** for school groups and at events:
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

Additional comments:

*Each year, hundreds of volunteers offer thousands of hours toward Vesterheim's mission.
Thank you for generously sharing your time and talent. It is much appreciated!*

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