

4-H and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation are accepting applications from youth ages 13-16 who love history and want to learn to be historical interpreters at Jamestown Settlement or the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Applications are due April 14, 2023



Program Overview: Teens, age 13-16 can learn to be a historical interpreter at a living history museum! The 4-H Peer Teacher Program is operated in conjunction with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. It provides countless opportunities for teens to gain skills in public speaking and interacting with museum visitors from around the globe. Youth gain skills in certain trades demonstrated at any of the five interpretive sites, and enjoy an amazing opportunity to share their love of history.

Eligible Persons: Teens from Gloucester, York/Poquoson and James City County ages 13-16 are eligible to participate in this program.

Process: Eligible teens must submit the application to Gloucester 4-H and complete an in-person interview to be scheduled at Yorktown or Jamestown. Selected youth will attend two days of orientation, and will then be assigned for training to one of five interpretive sites (Jamestown Settlement – Paspahegh Town, recreated Ships, and recreated James Fort; American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – Continental Army Encampment and Revolution-era farm). Once assigned, youth will spend five days training alongside a costumed interpreter to master one station within their site (it could be knots for example on the ships). Upon completion of the training sessions and successful mastery of the station, youth may be asked to continue volunteering for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation as a costumed interpreter. They would be expected to volunteer at least 8 hours per month during the school year and 16 hours per month during the summer.

Former 4-H participants in this program have gone on to pursue a variety of careers working in history, education, and museum studies. It's a great way to start! Contact Krista Gustafson at kgustafson@vt.edu or 804-693-2602 for more information.

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If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify Krista Gustafson, VCE-Gloucester at (804-693-2602/TDD*) during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.