

Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program

LEAP QT Child and Family Educator

**Old Stone House Museum
109 Old Stone House Road
Brownington, VT 05860**



This position is part of the Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program (LEAP). LEAP is a national service program that places AmeriCorps members with non-profit organizations throughout the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) of Vermont to support those organizations in building capacity and expanding their services that many communities rely on. LEAP members deliver direct service to local youth in the form of PreK-12 STEAM educational programming. LEAP supports members in their path to educational and career attainment through direct service, ongoing training, and professional development opportunities offered during the service year.

About Old Stone House Museum & LEAP Service Position

The Child & Family Educator, under the supervision of the Associate Director of On-Site Education, will be the primary driving force for creating lessons, planning, advertising, and implementing our weekly Kids' Friday's program for PreK to 3rd-grade families. Each week, children are invited to engage in an hour of heritage hands-on history education activities followed by a free lunch. This well-established program has numerous lesson ideas that could be expanded upon as this year's offering. In addition, this year's position will develop programs to include a separate lesson each week for an early education program. This individual will assist with the production of Time Travelers' Day Camp for 7-12 year-olds which explores a different historic theme each year. The AmeriCorps member will act as a team leader through the two weeks of camp during the last two weeks of July with supervisory responsibilities. In addition, during the summer of 2023, will be assisting in the creation and delivery of hands-on history activities and interpretations for children and families in the Homestead Education Building and museum garden. This aspect of the individual's service will be supported by collections staff and the Director of On-Site Education. The Child and Family Educator will collaborate with the museum's Buildings and Grounds committee to plan, plant and tend the educational gardens, care for the heirloom arboretum with the ultimate goal being gathering interpretive ideas and building lessons related to the museum's grounds including the Historic Recreation Trail. The position will support overall visitor services on occasion with a museum tour, particularly with family groups as time allows. The Child & Family Educator will engage the community in numerous STEAM educational activities. Kids' Friday lessons will emulate Mr. Twilight's teachings and his use of science, engineering, and technology. In addition, this member will be trained to provide hands-on, exploratory experiences specifically geared to young families and children, highlighting early technology/tools, feats of engineering and math, and the various natural sciences Mr. Twilight taught in his curriculum. This year's Time Travelers' Day Camp theme will be *The History of the Future, Energy Use through the Lens of Time*, exploring the way our forefathers expended energy and why and how technologies have changed with a need to adapt a more sustainable mindset.

Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program

Musical and theatrical expressions and animal husbandry lessons alongside counselors and resident arts staff will round out camp programming

Position Description

- Collaborate with the part time Education Assistant in the planning and implementation of the weekly Kids' Fridays.
- Develop curricular materials for Kids' Fridays for both the 3-6 year-old lesson as well as the 7-12 year-old lesson. This will be done with the approval of the Associate Director of On-Site Education. The member will maintain a file of all lessons for the Museum's future use.
- Create and deliver hands-on history lesson plans to local summer enrichment programs and families.
- Under the direction of the Buildings and Grounds chair Jane Greenwood; assist in planning planting and tending the Heritage Kitchen Garden and light maintenance on the Historic Recreation Trail, providing a critical link between the interactive historic landscapes of the museum's 60-acre campus and educational programming and interpretation.
- Create and integrate educational opportunities and lessons related to the museum grounds.
- Lead children and family tours of the Museum highlighting STEAM items relevant to Mr. Twilight's own life and teaching.
- Group leader during Time Travelers' Day Camp.
- Lead individual school groups during field trips, homeschool enrichment and school programs. Lead a family activity area during Old Stone House Day
- Develop and implement Hands-on-History center for children and families, with support from Collections staff.
- Participate in required LEAP/SerVermont events as well as have access to participate in optional service projects and training.
- Attend required LEAP orientation training either via Zoom or in person prior to beginning service.

Marginal Functions

- Collaborate with the part-time Education Assistant to develop cross-member educational opportunities.
- Collaborate with the Associate Director of On-Site Education to develop curriculum boxes for early educators.
- Organize volunteers when needed for larger projects and programs.
- Setting up for and breaking down equipment (tents, pots, pans, etc) necessary for programming.

Site Qualifications

Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program

- Leadership abilities, including volunteer coordination, taking initiatives, operating independently and in a team when necessary.
- The candidate should welcome hard work, challenges, and researching, creating, and implementing curriculum and programming.
- Ability to take direction. The candidate should welcome suggestions and constructive criticism from supervisors and museum staff.
- Experience working with the public, especially children.
- Experience with or willingness to learn how to write a lesson plan, complete with objectives, learning targets, desired outcomes, etc.
- Experience in a children's camp situation.
- Willingness to speak interestingly and with knowledge in a group format.
- Dress for and have the ability to serve outdoors and at times in inclement weather

LEAP Minimum Qualifications:

- Be a US citizen (or have permanent resident status; call with questions about this);
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation (there is no upper age limit), or 17 years of age with written parental permission;
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards their GED as part of their service-year successful completion requirement. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps. If a member has a documented medical reason/professional opinion why they cannot finish high school, they might be eligible; call in this case;
- Has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault and is willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, FBI Fieldprint fingerprinting, AHS Child and Adult Abuse Registry check, and Truescreen background check;
- Be committed to the Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps program, and its ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in required training and events, with training not exceeding more than 20% of total term hours;
- Be committed to participating in the LEAP data collection process;
- Complete bi-weekly electronic timesheets through OnCorps;
- Participate in member service 1-2x per term evaluation process.

Benefits of Service:

- Education Award upon successful completion of service for those eligible
- Student loan forbearance
- Training opportunities through host site, LEAP, and SerVermont
- Access to Schools of National Service and AmeriCorps alumni network
- FT members: access to health care and childcare

Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program

- Access to 3SquaresVT SNAP benefits

Service Conditions

Primarily outdoors, during the Museum's open-to-visitors season, Wednesdays-Sundays, 9-5.

Potential discounted rate housing available.

Position begins: Mid May or early June, 2023
(dates are semi-flexible based on member availability)

Position ends: Mid August, 2023

This position is: (check one)

Full Time: Requires 1,700 hours for an average of 36 hours per week for one year. Member will receive a living allowance of \$19,500 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$6,495 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include health insurance, federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

Half Time: Requires 900 hours for an average of 20 hours per week for one year. Member will receive a living allowance of \$8,000 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$3,247.50 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include federal school loan forbearance and various training opportunities.

Quarter Time: Requires 450 hours of service. Member will receive a living allowance of \$4,000 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1,718.25 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities.

Other: please contact LEAP by phone to discuss any other slot types that may be of interest.

This position (check one)

does

does not

have recurring access to vulnerable populations (youth, persons over 60, individuals with disabilities).

To Apply:

For questions about this position or to send additional materials:

Dana Karuza, Associate Director of On-Site Education outreach@oldstonehousemuseum.org (802)754-2022

Application deadline: May 1, 2023

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at www.americorps.org.

Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program

The Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program (LEAP) is hosted by Northern Vermont University on the Lyndon campus and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions are open to all applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran's status, religion or creed.