History Internship for 2014

Gammelgården Museum in Scandia, Minnesota

A two-part internship involving a full range of Museum Site Management experiences for, ideally, a senior in History.

About our museum. Gammelgården Museum celebrated its 40th year of existence last season. Gammelgården's five, fully furnished Historic Buildings and large Välkommen Hus; housing revolving exhibits, a gift shop, classroom/meeting space, and tour gathering area; help to tell the story of Swedish Immigration in Minnesota. The museum is located in the small town of Scandia on 11 acres situated in the beautiful St Croix Valley and is one of the first Swedish settlements in Minnesota. Gammelgården, of course, translates to "old small farm" and that is indeed its roots. The original pastor's house, barn and corn crib are on our property as well as the oldest Lutheran church still standing in Minnesota, an Immigrant cabin and a Swedish Stuga replica.

Our motto. Preserve, Present and Promote Swedish Immigrant Heritage is lived daily through guided tours, celebration of festivals, children's activities, and a variety of classes, special events and programs throughout our season. We have over 5000 visitors during our season and many of them visit us from Sweden; interested in finding out what happened after their ancestors left! Gammelgården Museum is also a popular school field trip destination; particularly for 4th grade students who are studying Minnesota history. Our grade school activity filled tour day and summer immigrant inspired day camps and children's activities are directed at the historical theme of immigration in general.

Goals. 1) To provide a student with excellent first-hand experience while also gaining new ideas and enthusiasm for the museum's future. 2) To make this experience a win-win for both the student and the museum!

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