



Willamette Heritage Center Announces Teen Interpreter Program (TIP) June 24 - August 31

WHAT: Teen Interpreter Program (TIP)
WHERE: Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
WHEN: Orientation: June 24 - 27 from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Program Runs: June 24 - August 31 for ages 14-18
Applications are due by 5 pm, June 7
COST: FREE
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Are you a teen who is 14 years of age or older with a flair for acting, a passion for history and a desire to get involved in your community? Travel back through time this summer with the Teen Interpreter Program (TIP) at the Willamette Heritage Center.

The Teen Interpreter Program challenges high school students to explore Oregon history through drama. In this summer volunteer program, students plan, research and present living history programs and demonstrations to museum visitors and work with our kids' summer camp programs, Pioneer Players on the Oregon Trail and The History Detectives.

Students also learn crafts and play games from the past two centuries and share what they learn with museum visitors. And while they're having a great time with other teens, they'll be learning valuable communication and research skills, increasing their understanding of Oregon's history, and gaining valuable work experience.

To be eligible, students must be between the ages of 14 and 18 on June 24, 2013 and must attend four day training sessions on June 24 to June 27 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Space is limited to 15 applicants. Parents are expected to attend an orientation meeting with the TIP supervisor and their child on Saturday June 22 at 10:00 am before their child can participate. Applications are available online: http://www.willametteheritage.org/events_and_programs.html or at the WHC office.

School Credit:

Participants in the Teen Interpreter Program may be granted ½ elective credit through the Salem-Keizer School District or other participating districts. There is a minimum hour requirement of 65 hours to receive credit. This credit option is at the discretion of the school administrators and students are responsible for discussing this with their counselors.

Applications are due by 5 PM on June 7.

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors

through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit www.willametteheritage.org.

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