



**POSITION:** Living History Specialist

**LOCATION:** The Alamo in downtown San Antonio, TX

**POSITION STATUS:** Permanent full-time (40 hours a week);

**JOB SUMMARY:**

Under the supervision of the Living History Coordinator, the successful applicant will be responsible for hosting to visitors and providing information and detailed programs to groups of various ages. They will also assist in the planning and execution of special events. The purpose of the living history program is to provide visitors with an educational experience through interaction with tangible “historical characters.” The successful applicant will help visitors understand daily life in the 18th and 19th centuries through demonstrations and programs presented in period correct clothing. This candidate will also become proficient in the use of other commonly used items from early Spanish, Mexican Texan and American history. The candidate will also assist in the creation and implementation of new programming, site maintenance and other duties as required.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Greet and welcome visitors to the site.
- Learn the current historical narrative to present to visitors, students, and tour groups.
- Assist in the development and execution of special events.
- Lead games and activities for visitors of various ages, and help present demonstrations on life throughout Texas history.
- Perform food related duties, such as food preparation, cooking, serving, and cleaning for educational programming.
- Assist with the day-to-day maintenance of weaponry and living history inventory.
- Daily setup for demonstrations and preparation of formal 20-minute programs.
- Follow all site safety procedures.

**Other duties may include:**

- Cooking over open flame or using a Dutch oven.
- Casting lead rifle or musket balls over an open flame.
- Starting a fire using flint and steel.
- Demonstrating 19th Century American or Mexican style military drilling.
- The safe handling and demonstration of flintlock firearms.
- Demonstrating and explaining 18th and 19th century medical implements and procedures.
- Responding to visitor questions about the Alamo and life in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Texas.



-Participation, setup and cleanup of LH events such as scheduled evening events, First Saturday, Fall at the Alamo, The Alamo Roundup, and Siege at the Alamo.

-Developing and presenting 15-20 minute formal history programs.

**SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- College coursework in history.

-Experience with black-powder weaponry desirable.

- Knowledge of Texas history and geography.

- Experience with or knowledge of period crafts and activities.

- Proficiency in English required, with additional languages an asset (Spanish preferred).

- Ability to work independently and within a team environment.

- Ability to exercise integrity, good judgment, critical problem solving, patience and initiative, especially when interacting with the public.

- Ability to function effectively in an ever-changing environment, stand outdoors in heat/ inclement weather for extended periods of time and deal with frequent interruptions.

- Ability to present to diverse groups and maintain control in difficult situations

- Ability to lift, move and carry up to 60lbs.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- High School diploma or equivalent required.

-Bachelor's degree from an accredited university preferred.

-Successful completion of a criminal background check is required for this position.

- Satisfactory completion of a drug test is required for this position.

- Able to work a five day week, which will include weekends and holidays.

- Background in historical site interpretation and experience working with the public.

-Must be able to provide documents establishing identity and eligibility to work in the United States.

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover-letter to the Living History Coordinator at [rbadger@thealamo.org](mailto:rbadger@thealamo.org).