

Archaeology and Historic Sites, Jackson Special Events Volunteer

Purpose:

Assist the Archaeology and Historic Sites (AHS) section staff of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History at special events such as the Manship House Museum's annual archaeological demonstration dig, *Digging into History*; staffing archaeology booths at events such as the annual Mississippi State Fair, professional meetings, workshops, and any other events sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Responsibilities:

- Assist AHS staff to prepare for an event by setting up event site — this may include preparation of the excavation area
- Assist with booth set-up and staffing booth at events (crowd control, greeting, handing out materials, answering questions)

Qualifications:

- Ability to relate well to people of all ages, backgrounds, and educational levels
- Agreeable personality
- Knowledge and adherence to standards and practices of archaeology and MDAH
- Ability to convey knowledge in an interesting manner

Requirements:

- Able to successfully complete training
- Dependability
- Ability to lift 25 lbs.
- Provide proof of valid driver's license
- Provide proof of current personal automobile liability insurance coverage

Time Commitment:

- Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at AHS section are required to remain on the active volunteer list

Benefits:

- The satisfaction of volunteering with professional archaeologists
- Continuing education
- Documented volunteer service for work or school credit
- A 15% discount at Mississippi History Store locations
- All training and training-related materials provided by the AHS section
- Volunteer appreciation activities provided by the AHS section and the Museum Division

Reports to:

AHS Volunteer Coordinator