

Being a Volunteer

It's not for money,

It's not for fame,

It's not for any personal gain,

It's just for love of fellow man,

It's just to lend a helping hand,

It's just to give a tithe of self,

That's something you can't buy

with wealth.

It's not for medals won

with pride,

It's for that feeling deep inside,

It's that reward down in your

heart,

It's that feeling that you've been

a part,

of helping others far and near,

that makes you be **a volunteer!**

SARATOGA SPRINGS HERITAGE AREA VISITOR CENTER

297 Broadway (across from Congress Park)
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

*A New York State Heritage Area Program
Administered by the Mayor of
the City of Saratoga Springs*

Volunteer

at the

Saratoga Springs Heritage Area Visitor Center



*...a fulfilling job for
YOU...*

a great help to our community!

Is volunteering one of those things you've thought of doing "someday?" Think you don't have time to do it "now?"

Think Again!

Front Desk Ambassadors volunteer for 4 hour shifts

Tour Guides volunteer approx. 2 hours per week.

Special Events Assistants volunteer as needed.

Devoting a large portion of your time to the Visitor Center is not a requirement, but the difference your devotion will make is

Huge!

Volunteers work in a bright, charming, historic building.

They meet people from next door, across the country and around the world. They have fun sharing the hospitality Saratoga is famous for.

Come join our team!

Positions:

FRONT DESK AMBASSADOR

Ambassadors greet visitors, give directions, answer questions, take reservations for guided tours, hand out maps and brochures, and record the number of visitors served.

TOUR GUIDE

Guides are needed during July and August, or by special appointment, to lead our 2 hour walking tour of Congress Park, tour "*The History, Legend, and Lore of Congress Park.*" Guides ordinarily conduct one tour per week. Experienced tour guides are also invited to provide "Step-on" Tour Guide Services to chartered buses, as needed, throughout the calendar year.

SPECIAL EVENT ASSISTANT

Special Event Assistants help on an 'as needed' basis for Special Events, etc. Projects might include, but are not limited to: clerical work, registration, and special projects.

History of the Building

Built in 1915, it was designed on a grand scale to mollify city leaders who opposed laying tracks across Broadway. The most popular trolley trip was to Kaydeross Park on Saratoga Lake, former home of the carousel now restored and operating in Congress Park. By 1940, trolley service was abandoned, and the building was renovated to serve as the Drink Hall.

At the Drink Hall chilled water from several mineral springs was sold for 5¢ a bottle from the large wooden cooler still on display. The tracks were removed from the trolley shed at the rear of the building, and people sat outside at small tables to enjoy the water and to socialize. Different waters were popular at various times of the day: Hathorn in the morning, Coesa before dinner, and Geysers in the evening.

From 1965-1975 the Youth Commission was responsible for the building and its east wing was converted into offices until the late 1960's.

In 1987, the building was adapted to serve as part of the New York State Heritage Area system, one of 18 Heritage Areas in the state and was opened under the management of the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation.

In 1989, the City of Saratoga Springs assumed management and funding of the program under the jurisdiction of the Mayor Office. The Visitor Center and Heritage Area strives to promote the city's rich natural, cultural, and historical resources. Many of the original fixtures remain; the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Today, the Visitor Center welcomes residents and tourists, and provides services, including local maps, brochures, event calendars, permanent and historic

exhibits, guided tours in season or by special arrangement, and "Discover Saratoga," a video designed to introduce visitors to the attractions and history of Saratoga Springs.

How to Volunteer

YOU

Can become a volunteer by contacting Johnnie Roberts at 518-587-3241 and submitting the form below:

Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Birthday: _____
Position (check all that apply) Ambassador _____ Tour Guide _____ Special Events _____

Mail to:

Saratoga Springs Visitor Center
297 Broadway Saratoga Springs, NY
12866



Volunteer Benefits & "Perks"

Complimentary
coffee or tea



Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Events



Appreciation Luncheon



Downtown Business Association
Discounts