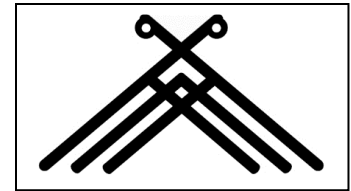


Wednesday Work Study Program – 2014

Linking Community Service to Traditional Craft



Work, Study, Accessibility – these three words capture the vision of the Work Study Program at North House Folk School. Indeed, it is exactly what it says – an opportunity to work in a program support/community service role on campus while earning credit towards taking an upcoming course in traditional craft. Work Study is part of North House scholarship/accessibility program.

HOW IT WORKS

The Work Study Programs (W/S) are structured around four basic ideas:

1. Work Study Tasks and Sessions align with North House's needs for peak season campus support, weekly operational needs, preparation for major events and other special projects. Accordingly, a series of Work Study Sessions are offered during the core program season.
2. Anyone may sign up for Work Study programs. That said, Work Study is a key North House strategy for insuring that our programs are financially accessible to everyone. Our goal is to attract participants highly interested in North House's commitment to building community, motivated to work in a community service role and interested in hands-on learning & traditional craft.
3. Program participants should be willing and physically capable of completing a wide range of physical projects. Sweeping floors, washing dishes, setting up classrooms, moving tables, cleaning bathrooms, mowing grass, watering gardens, folding letters and more. Opportunities to share stories, drink coffee/tea, eat pizza from our wood-fired oven and get to know the North House community can also be anticipated. That said, please let us know if you have special circumstances; we may be able to accommodate.
4. In exchange for hours spent "earning" on campus participants are compensated with Work Study coupons (\$75 per 8 hours of work) that can be used towards tuition for coursework or sailing aboard the schooner *Hjordis*. Work Study coupons are good for one year, and are transferrable to other people. Work Study coupons cannot be used towards materials fees, which W/S students are required to pay for themselves.

Application

Applying for the program is easy. Simply complete and return the attached W/S application form or sign up on our website. Note that openings in each session and in weekly roles are limited. Applications are welcome at any time.

Schedule

Campus set-up happens each week at 1pm, and we ask that new Work Study participants commit for a period of two months and participate in at least six (6) Wednesday sessions during that period. North House will add an extra two (2) hours of course credit as a bonus for any Work Study participant who fulfills that commitment. Other special projects will be advertised as needed (i.e. recycling runs, lawn care assignments, etc.).

Compensation

For each 8 hours of work, Work Study participants earn a \$75 of credit towards tuition for any class. Partial days worked are pro-rated. This gift certificate can be applied towards tuition for any class or sailing on the schooner Hjordis. W/S coupons cannot combine with other discounts (local, inter-generational, etc). Certificates are transferrable to other people and cannot be used for materials fees (all W/S students must pay the materials fee for their courses).

Requirements

The Work Study Program is an essential piece of the puzzle during a typical week at North House. Accordingly, we ask that all participants make sure they fully understand the requirements and duties associated with the program. These include:

- * participating in outdoor, physical and messy work. Lifting and moving heavy objects.
- * arriving on time, completing assigned projects and asking for direction once tasks are completed or if unsure how to complete a project

Selection of Candidates

North House selects candidates and assigns session dates based upon the Work Study Programs goals and structured within the need for campus support. Key amongst these are insuring program accessibility and supporting ongoing programs. Session assignments will begin on the dates noted. Selection is solely up to the discretion of North House. North House reserves the right to make changes to the W/S program at any time.

Special Projects

Occasionally, North House has special projects that work well for W/S participants. Some examples could include outdoor painting projects, building custom chair racks, or remodeling classroom spaces. The times for these projects vary. Specific skills (such as carpentry) are sometimes needed. Please indicate your interest on the application and North House staff will contact you to check if such a project becomes available.

Registering for Classes/Cancellation Policy

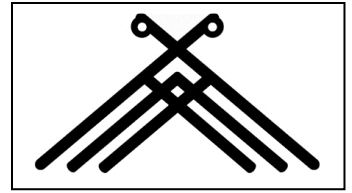
Work Study students need to register for their courses through the regular registration channels and need to make a deposit (either \$50 OR the materials fee, whichever is greater). If enough credits are earned, a deposit can be reimbursed at the time of the class. North House's cancellation policy applies to W/S students. If NH must cancel a course, students will receive a full refund of any payments made for that course. Students who cancel their enrollment more than 21 days prior to the first day of the course will receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee to cover administrative costs. In recognition of the time and energy instructors invest in preparing for courses, students who cancel their enrollment 21 days or less prior to the first day of the course are not eligible for a refund.

MORE INFORMATION

Specific questions are welcome anytime. Please contact the Volunteer & Classroom Coordinator, Matt Nesheim at mnesheim@northhouse.org or 218.387.9762.

Wednesday Work Study Application Form

North House Folk School
Mail to: NHFS
PO Box 759
Grand Marais, MN 55604



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email _____

- 1) What has inspired you to apply for the Work Study program?

- 2) What specific skills do you have that may be useful for NHFS?
(carpentry, painting, housekeeping, office skills, penchant for organizing, etc...)

- 3) Do you have any preferences as to the kind of jobs you would like to do while working at NHFS?

- 4) For work purposes, do you have any physical limitations?

- 5) What dates and/or days are you available to work? Please give us an idea of your average schedule.

- 6) Would you like to sign-up for our volunteer e-news? Circle one: YES NO