

Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society

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Would you like to spend the day on a lighthouse in the middle of the river?

Would you like the opportunities to have free boat rides on the river?

Would you like to meet people that have an interest in Hudson River history?

Would you like to learn more about the history of the river and its shore line?

I have an opportunity for you. The Hudson Athens Lighthouse is looking for volunteers to help at The Historic Hudson Athens Lighthouse. Volunteer for one day a month. It will take you back to the 1800's, where you can imagine how it would be to live on a lighthouse.

The second Saturday of July, August, September, and October the lighthouse is open for public tours. We need volunteers to be at the lighthouse to greet visitors and act as docents conveying information provided to you. Sometimes you get more information back from the visitors than you give them. We also have TV and photo journalism people, requesting use of the lighthouse. And, we offer school trips to the school children in the area. Volunteers would also be needed for those.

If meet and greet is not your thing and you have experience, or are willing to learn how to paint, patch, repair, or clean work parties are organized all season long. Work parties could be weekdays or weekends. Picture this; a sunny day, a light breeze, no cars, no noise, no kids, none of the everyday distractions. Just you and a few other people at the lighthouse doing some volunteer work. You may stop to watch a large ship pass, the pilot toots the horn, you wave and return to your task. Sometime during the day, you take your lunch to the table on the deck. While you have lunch, you watch the bald eagles soar overhead, and you can see the fish jumping in the river. Can you imagine what some people would pay for that treat, and it could be yours with no out of pocket expense.

You would think there would be a waiting list for an opportunity to do that, but surprisingly there is not. The lighthouse is in jeopardy of not being able to meet its scheduled tour obligations this season. Volunteers are desperately needed if we are to remain open. If you, or you know someone, who would like to help the lighthouse stay open and be part of our local history, now is the time to act. If you can give one day a month as a lighthouse volunteer, email or call today. Give us your name and contact information.

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