



Job Posting
Teamster at Ross Farm Museum

About Ross Farm Museum: Ross Farm Museum, located in the scenic village of New Ross, Nova Scotia, is a living history museum that offers visitors a unique opportunity to step back in time and experience life on a working farm in the 19th century. Our dedicated team is committed to preserving and sharing the rich agricultural heritage of Nova Scotia. We are currently seeking a passionate and talented individual to join us on this journey as a Teamster.

Position Overview: As a Teamster at Ross Farm Museum, you will have the unique opportunity to learn and practice the traditional skills of harnessing and training horses for use with wagons and historic farm implements. Your role will be pivotal in enhancing the authenticity of our historical farming operations, enriching the visitor experience, and ensuring the well-being of our farm animals.

Position Details:

- **Application Deadline:** November 30th, 2023.
- **Compensation:** Starting at \$23.86 per hour.
- **Benefits:** Ross Farm Museum offers a comprehensive benefits package, including health and dental coverage, retirement plan options, and opportunities for professional development.
- This is a permanent, full-time staff position.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Training:** The candidate will learn and practice the art of harnessing and training horses for use with wagons and historic farm implements, contributing to the vision of the museum.
- **Animal Care:** Work closely with our senior Teamster staff to provide excellent care for our horses and other farm animals, including their health, nutrition, and well-being.
- **Animal Records:** Assist in maintaining accurate records of animal breeding and health for all our farm animals, ensuring the integrity of our heritage livestock programs.
- **Versatility:** Willingness to assist with other farm tasks, including working with other farm livestock and contributing to various aspects of the farm's operations.
- **Teamwork:** Collaborate effectively with other museum staff to create a cohesive and engaging visitor experience.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated knowledge, experience and understanding of farming operations, and particularly animal husbandry practices.
- Experience in the maintenance of animal health and breeding records and a strong commitment to animal welfare.
- Ability to adapt to historical farming techniques and practices.
- A genuine passion for history and traditional farming practices.

Assets:

- Demonstrated experience working and handling horses; Experience working and training horse teams, and comfort in handling a stallion and breeding mares will be considered a strong asset.
- A degree or diploma in animal science or equine management or equivalent years of experience.
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with visitors of all ages.

How to Apply: Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and a cover letter outlining their qualifications (or equivalent experience) and passion for becoming a teamster, and for living history. Please send your application (by email as a PDF document) to Richard Donald, Interim Executive Director, Ross Farm Museum (richard.donald@novascotia.ca) to be considered for this position.

Ross Farm Museum is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds and experiences. As part of the selection process, short-listed candidates will be invited to the Farm for a day to demonstrate their abilities and skills.

Join us in preserving the past and educating the future at Ross Farm Museum. Be a part of an immersive historical experience that brings the 19th century to life for visitors of all ages. Start your journey with us today!