



ADKINS ARBORETUM

TRAIN THE TRAINER VOLUNTEER INTERPRETER PROGRAM

**April 10 and 17, 2008
9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

This training workshop is for you if you have limited staff resources and big plans... if you wish to attract, recruit, reward, train and retain volunteers working with interpretation... and offer a unique INTERPRETIVE experience to your visitors.

The Opportunity

“Train the Trainer”, a two-day interpreter training course, is a program that offers a hands-on approach to the development and implementation of an interpretive program with volunteers. This training component targets volunteer coordinators and trainers, education and interpretation managers, key staff and volunteers interested in building an interpretive program at Chesapeake Gateways sites and at other local museums, cultural and historical sites.

It provides a review of common interpretive language suitable for cultural, environmental or historical settings and a review of best management and evaluation practices for the establishment of a successful volunteer docent program. It provides the necessary background for participants to plan interpretive programs, to recruit and train volunteers and to link their organization to the Chesapeake Bay.

Developed by Adkins Arboretum and funded by a grant from Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, “Train the Trainer” continues to foster partnership among diverse cultural organizations connected to the Chesapeake Bay and draws upon the experience gained from “The Show is On” training offered in the fall of 2007.

When and Where?

Training is scheduled for April 10 and 17, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Adkins Arboretum with fieldtrips planned to local neighboring cultural institutions.

Nominations for the project are open to staff and volunteers in the Chesapeake Bay region who work or are preparing to work in the design and implementation of interpretive programs at their organizations.

Facilitators

Robert Forloney is Director of Education at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and has worked with volunteers in art and education in the museum setting.

Raymond Bivens is Chief of Environmental Education and Interpretation at Delaware State Parks and Recreation. He was recently nominated as outstanding interpreter by the National Association of Interpretation.

David Foster is a Trainer of communication techniques for corporate executives, political candidates, docents and tour guides. He is an actor, director and teacher of acting and stagecraft, active with the Tred Avon Players, a local community theatre group.

Coreen Weilminster is Coordinator of Children's Programs at the Arboretum with a significant background and enthusiasm for children's and young adult environmental education.

Erica Weick is Coordinator of Volunteer Programs at the Arboretum and brings an extensive background in training, volunteer management and in the language arts to the project.

How to apply

Send a completed application form to Erica Weick, Coordinator of Volunteer Programs, Adkins Arboretum, P.O. Box 100, Ridgely, MD, 21660 or e-mail eweick@adkinsarboretum.org. For more information call 410-634-2847, extension 27. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 28, 2008.

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