



Week-Long Work Study | 2018

Linking Community Service and 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 a course in traditional craft. Work Study is part of North House scholarship and financial 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 busy peak programmatic season.
2. Anyone may sign up for Work Study programs. That said, Work Study is a key North House strategy for ensuring 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 working 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 transferable to other people. Work Study coupons can only be applied towards tuition, not materials fees.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for the program is easy. Apply on our website OR complete and return the attached W/S application form. Note that openings in each session and in weekly roles are limited. While applications are welcome at any time, please note deadlines for when assignment of specific sessions will begin (any open dates after these deadlines will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis).

BRING A FRIEND

Please let us know if you'd like to bring a friend/partner/spouse along to work for the week.



SCHEDULE & SESSION OPTION

Spring/Summer Sessions – May, June & July

Applications are welcome anytime. Session assignment will begin March 15th. Expect to earn 24-32+ hours of W/S credit during each session. See website to clarify which sessions are available.

- May 2nd – May 7th
- May 9th – May 14th
- May 16th – May 21st
- May 23rd – May 28th
- May 30th – June 4th **Northern Landscapes Festival**
- June 6th – June 11th
- June 13th – June 18th
- June 20th – June 25th **Wooden Boat Show & Summer Solstice Pageant**
- June 27th – July 2nd
- July 4th – July 9th
- July 11th – July 16th
- July 18th – July 23rd
- July 25th – July 30th

Late-Summer/Fall Sessions – August & September

Applications are welcome anytime. Session assignment will begin May 15th. Expect to earn 24-32+ hours of W/S credit during each session. See website to clarify which sessions are available.

- August 1st – August 6th
- August 8th – August 13th
- August 15th – August 20th
- August 22nd – August 27th
- August 29th – September 3rd **Basket Week**
- September 5th – September 10th
- September 12th – September 17th **Unplugged**
- September 19th – September 24th
- September 26th – October 1st
- October 3rd – October 8th
- October 10th – October 15th
- October 17th – October 22nd **Family Weekend**
- October 24th – October 29th



GENERAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Tuesday** OPTIONAL: Arrive and get settled! Check-in at campsite.
- Wednesday** 10am-11:30am: meet with NHFS staff for a general tour
1-4pm: set-up for upcoming classes (2-3 hours)
- Thursday** 8am-10am: general cleaning (2 hours)
10am onward: projects as assigned (2-3 hours)
- Friday** 8am-10am: general cleaning (2 hours)
10am onward: projects as assigned (2-3 hours)
- Saturday** 8am-10am: general cleaning (2 hours)
10am onward: projects as assigned (2-3 hours)
- Sunday** 8am-10am: general cleaning (2 hours)
10am onward: projects as assigned (2-3 hours)
- Monday** 8am-10am: general cleaning (2 hours)
10am-noon: breaking down & prepping for next classes

MORE INFORMATION

Specific questions are welcome anytime. Please contact the Program Manager, Matt Nesheim at mneshheim@northhouse.org or call 218.387.9762.

Lodging

Week-Long Work Study participants are in charge of their own lodging. During their assigned session, individuals willing to tent are welcome to utilize one complimentary tent spot located next door at the Grand Marais Recreation Park. There is no parking at the campsite, so anticipate your car being parked on a nearby side-street. The Recreation Park includes shower facilities. Other options include nearby forest service campgrounds, area lodging establishments (please request a lodging list) or other creative solutions.

Compensation Specifics

For each 8 hours of work, Work Study participants earn \$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 transferable to other people but 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 indoor/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/abilities on the application.

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, $\frac{1}{3}$ of total tuition 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.



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Name:					
Address					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone:		E-mail			

On a separate sheet or document please respond to the following questions.

1) Tell us about yourself! Please introduce yourself in a paragraph or two. Highlight your interest & experience in traditional craft, outline community service work you've done, tell us about your prior involvement with North House or other folk schools, etc.

2) Why are you interested in the Work Study program? How would participating in the program make North House more accessible to you?

3) Please list the three sessions (see listing of dates, list in order of priority) that you would be available for and willing to participate in. Please consult the W/S web page to clarify which session dates are still available.

4) Do you have specific skills we should know about (experience in carpentry, painting, etc.)?

5) Work Study can include physically demanding work. Participants should expect to be on their feet for most of the day, lift 50+ pounds and occasionally deal with stinky garbage, heavy objects and dirty dishes. Do you have any physical limitations or other concerns that we should be aware of?

6) Will you be bringing a friend/partner/spouse? If so, please include their name, phone number and e-mail address here.

7) I understand the following (read and check all to continue):

- I will arrive on campus by 10am on the Wednesday of my scheduled session.
- I will be participating in outdoor, physical, and messy work.
- I am responsible for any tuition not covered by Work Study hours.
- I am responsible for any materials fee for the course I take..
- My Work Study credits expire one years after they are issued.

Signature _____ Date _____