

Waterloo Farm Museum and Dewey School need you. For six decades this museum has lived up to its mission to foster an understanding and appreciation of the pioneer farmers and their children's schooling. The Really Farm and Dewey School have sponsored events, conducted school programs and provided opportunities for both adults and children to immerse themselves in the past. BUT, all this will be in jeopardy if no one helps maintain the buildings and property, lead tours or assume the role of Mr. and Mrs. Really or the schoolmarm. The current volunteers (most 65+) are aging out in body and spirit. So many opportunities exist to help - there is a role for you!

Perhaps you have time for just one event a year and would like to help out at Pioneer Day by baking cookies in the bakehouse, working in the dried flower barn, collecting admissions or leading tours in the buildings. Christmas on the Farm always needs volunteers for Green's Day, where holiday wreaths, swags and baskets are assembled for sale. And of course the house needs to be decorated with vintage Christmas décor, cedar roping and Christmas trees. If you have more time available, perhaps you would like to become intimate with a single room and commit to cleaning it on a monthly basis. Along the way you will find amazing treasures and even wonder what the object was used for. And wouldn't it be fun to go back in time and work with school children showing them how to draw water from the well, grind corn, cut wood and wash socks on a washboard! If gardening is your passion perhaps you could help out at the annual garden workbee in the spring, where the gardens are spruced up for the upcoming season.

Outdoors/indoors; behind the scenes/in the public eye; occasionally/ongoing. You get to choose. Invite a friend or family member to be with you. Make it a social event. The setting is serene and low stress. Please give us a call (Catherine 517-648-3676) so we can find that perfect spot for you.