Coralville Schoolhouse & Interpreter
Volunteer/Intern Description

Built in 1876, this two-room red brick schoolhouse served the children of the Coralville area from 1876 until 1951. Today, the school’s two classrooms interpret what school in Iowa was like in the 1870s and the 1940s. The Coralville Schoolhouse is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 11AM-3PM

Purpose: To interpret for visitors the Coralville Schoolhouse and education in Iowa during the 1870s and 1940s in such a way that visitors to the Schoolhouse have an educational and fun experience.

Time Required: At least two afternoons (eight hours) per month time commitment. Also, if possible, be available to assist with events at the Schoolhouse and scheduled group tours of children or adults where more than one interpreter is needed.

Responsibilities include:

- Conducting interpretive tours of the Coralville Schoolhouse for visitors. Tours will focus on the Coralville Schoolhouse itself, education in Iowa, and some of the artifacts of the period.

- Answering visitor’s questions.

- Being a friendly and enthusiastic representative of the Coralville Schoolhouse to visitors.

Training:

- A two-hour training and orientation session will be held at the Coralville Schoolhouse for interpreters.

- Each interpreter will receive an interpreter’s manual which will include a tour narrative and supplemental information about education in Iowa in the 1870s and 1940s, as well as information about Coralville and Iowa history.