

## ANIMAL EDUCATION INTERN

MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S BRUENTRUP HERITAGE FARM  
BIG RED BARN FARMERS MARKET, JUNE-SEPT., SUNDAYS 8:30AM – 1:30PM  
SUMMER 2025

## OVERVIEW

Join the Maplewood Area Historical Society as an Animal Educator Intern at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm! We are searching for a passionate and energetic individual who loves animals and is excited to educate the public about our farm mascots—Danver the Bunny, Hannah and Henry the Time Traveling Tortoises, and our charming flock of Buff Orpington and Silkie Bantam chickens. This hands-on internship will involve caring for these animals and presenting engaging educational sessions to visitors of the Big Red Barn Farmers Market—an internship perfect for a rising junior or senior in high school!

## ABOUT THE MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maplewood Area Historical Society is a state and nationally recognized leader in museum practice and public history programming. Located at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm, MAHS serves 17,000 regional residents annually during our public programming season, May 1 – December 15. Organized in 1997, MAHS led a grass-roots effort to save and preserve the Bruentrup Heritage Farm in 1999/2000 finding property, raising funds, and gaining public support in moving twelve historic Bruentrup Family Farm structures to our current location a mile away from the original homestead on White Bear Avenue. Receiving no State or Federal funding, and only a minor annual stipend from the City of Maplewood, MAHS is an independent 501c3 funded through the generous donations and gifts of our supporters. MAHS uses the twelve historic structures on the two-and-a-half acre historic core as well as the surrounding twenty-five acres of restored prairie to provide a venue to meet our mission of *building community through preservation*—the preservation of the native landscape, historic buildings on our campus, the cultural identities, arts, and practices of the people who have called the Maplewood Area home for the last 1,000 years, and the languages of the Indigenous Dakota and Hmong Refugee peoples. At MAHS, we believe that there is a story for everyone in our 180,000-piece collections, and in the programming we provide to the public, youth, and school students we serve. MAHS programming is guided in building events, camps, fieldtrips, classes, and lectures through focusing on four key cultures who have and continue to play a role in the development of Maplewood Area History: the Indigenous Dakota, Yankee Americans, German Immigrants, and Hmong Refugee peoples. The Maplewood Area Historical Society is a welcoming place for all.

## OBJECTIVES

- To provide an opportunity for a student to work with small animals and gain work experience
- To provide family programming to the public with hands-on interaction with Danvers the Bunny, Hannah and Henry the Time Traveling Tortoises, and the Bruentrup Heritage Farm's flock of chickens during the weekly Big Red Barn Farmers Market
- To educate the public on the history of the Bruentrup Heritage Farm

## INTERN KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Educational Programming:* Develop and present interactive educational sessions about our farm animals, highlighting their characteristics, habitats, and historical significance
- *Visitor Interaction:* Engage with market visitors of all ages through fun and informative presentations. Answer questions and encourage respectful interaction with the animals
- *Collaborative Planning:* Work with Maplewood Area Historical Society staff to plan and enhance educational programs, ensuring alignment with the Society's mission and values
- *Safety and Hygiene:* Maintain high standards of safety and hygiene when handling animals and interacting with the public
- *Animal Care:* Assist in the daily care and feeding of Danver the Bunny, Hannah and Henry the Tortoises, and our chickens during Market hours. Ensure their habitats are clean, safe, and conducive to their well-being. Additional hours may be available throughout the week for animal caretaking

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Strong interest in animals, education, and public engagement
- Excellent communication skills and a friendly demeanor
- Ability to work well under supervision and as part of a team
- Comfortable handling and caring for animals of varying sizes and temperaments
- Prior experience with animals or public speaking is a plus, but not required

## SCHEDULE

Part-time, seasonal internship. Sundays, June through September from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Additional hours for animal care and related projects may be available

## **COMPENSATION**

\$15 per hour

## **TO APPLY**

Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and a short cover letter detailing their interest and any relevant experience to Maplewood Area Historical Society Executive Director, T.J. Malaskee at [tj@maplewoodmuseum.org](mailto:tj@maplewoodmuseum.org). The Maplewood Area Historical Society values diversity and inclusivity and welcomes applicants of all backgrounds to apply.

Be a part of our team and enjoy a rewarding summer educating the public about our beloved farm animals at the Bruentrup Heritage Farm's Big Red Barn Farmers Market!