

FRIENDS OF DRAKE WELL, INC.

Drake Well Replica Operator (Part-Time, Seasonal)

Summary: Friends of Drake Well (FDW) is seeking an outgoing individual to train and hire in the operation and interpretation of the Drake Well replica steam engine, boiler, and engine house/derrick at Drake Well Museum and Park in Titusville, PA. The Drake Well Replica Operator is responsible for the safe and proper operation and maintenance of the Drake Well replica steam engine and boiler as well as the accurate interpretation of both the history and the technology of the equipment of the Drake Well replica for Museum visitors. Position is one of three Drake Well Operator positions at Drake Well Museum and Park. Friends of Drake Well is a non-profit organization that actively supports the administration and operation of Drake Well Museum and Park in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

This position reports to the FDW Executive Director in collaboration with the PHMC Facilities Operations Supervisor and Maintenance Staff at Drake Well Museum and Park.

Duties:

- Operating the steam boiler and engine as specified by the Drake Well Replica Manual, including but not limited to:
 - Oiling the engine before start-up and as needed while in operation
 - Paying close attention to boiler pressure and water level during operation
 - Maintaining an adequate and monitored use of wood to fire the boiler
 - Wearing proper PPE during the operation of the engine
- Accurately interpreting the workings of the engine, boiler, and equipment used to operate the Drake Well replica
- Providing historical information on Drake Well, the construction of the original well, how the well operated, the well's significance to the early oil industry, and other points of interest
- Ensuring the interior of the replica is swept/raked as needed
- Keeping the grounds immediately surrounding the replica structure tidy and maintained
- Stacking fire wood as needed for the boiler
- Daily opening and closing procedures for Drake Well Museum's other outdoor exhibits and buildings.

Requirements:

- Must be detail-oriented and adhere strictly to the guidelines set forth in the Drake Well Replica Manual
- Must have an outgoing personality and willingness to share information with diverse audiences of varying ages and backgrounds
- Knowledge/experience in mechanics or operating equipment is recommended but not required – we are able to train!

- Prior knowledge of Drake Well and the history of the early oil industry is not required – we are able to train!
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. off the ground
- Ability to walk the grounds of the site at least twice per day
- Ability to work outdoors in varying temperatures
- Ability to work 2 to 3 days per week, including weekends; with no more than 2 days worked consecutively

Salary & Benefits:

- This is an hourly, part-time seasonal position, starting at \$17.31/hour. At 15 to 22.5 hours per week. Operators work from late April through mid-October, depending on weather conditions.
- Friends of Drake Well, Inc., does NOT provide health insurance or any medical coverage for employees.

Schedule:

- Work hours are Wednesday through Sunday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Note: on days with early school tours, Operator will be required to come in at 7:00 a.m.
- Position receives two (2) 15 minute breaks with a half hour (30 min.) lunch. Total paid work hours per day are 7.5.
- Hours are split between three Operator positions so that an Operator never works more than 3 days per week.

To Apply:

All interested applicants must attend the information session on March 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Drake Well Museum. Applications will be available at the event. **RSVP for the information session at 814-827-2797 or email drakewell@verizon.net.**

There shall be no discrimination against an otherwise qualified individual on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by federal, state or local law.

This position falls under the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law. Under the Law, a conditional offer of employment will require submission and approval of satisfactory criminal history reports including, but not limited to, PA State Police clearance, PA Child Abuse history clearance, and FBI Fingerprint clearance.

Friends of Drake Well, Inc., is a non-profit community-based organization that actively supports Drake Well Museum & Park, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.