

## OUR ORGANIZATION

The Varner-Hogg Volunteer Organization has diligently assisted Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site with a variety of park operations since 1990 and is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Since that time, the faithful service of its members has enhanced the beauty of the park, as well as the overall enjoyment of the site's 68,000 annual visitors.

## OUR MISSION

“To assist Park Personnel with special events and educational programs, and for the receipt, solicitation, administration, disbursement of gifts, grants, devices, bequests or other conveyances of real or personal property or the income derived there from for the benefit of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department upon the request of the Park Superintendent of the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site.”



## CONTACT US!

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# VARNER- HOGG

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**VOLUNTEERS**

# BEING A VOLUNTEER

## EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

### House Tours

Volunteers present the park's history, as well as interpretative tours of the plantation house to park visitors.

### Grounds Tours

Able-bodied volunteers with an enthusiasm for the outdoors lead visitors and school groups on a walking tour of the park grounds while describing the site's history and the functions of its many historical structures.



### Food and Folkways

Volunteers for this program are skilled in demonstrating the ways butter, rope and a variety of other products were produced during the 19th century.

Passionate volunteers are also welcome to dress in

period clothing and perform historical reenactments and presentations.



### Special Events

Volunteers assist park staff in the planning, set-up, presentation and clean up of annual park events held throughout the year, such as Christmas, Halloween, Miss Ima's Birthday and Juneteenth.

## BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE

### Garden Care

Volunteers with a green thumb enjoy tending to the park's natural, home-grown vegetables, as well as a variety of flowers, making the garden a vibrant point of interest for visitors year-round.

### Grounds Care

Hardy helpers with an interest in maintaining the natural beauty of the park's grounds assist maintenance staff with activities such as mowing, mulching, watering, painting and litter removal, and are responsible for the overall appearance of the site.

# VOLUNTEER YOUTH TEAM

Varner-Hogg's Volunteer Youth Team is a group consisting of twelve students ranging from 13 to 17 years of age. Team participants will learn, under the supervision of an adult volunteer, how to present interpretive programs to the public, as well as how to teach younger children educational crafts and activities.



This enriching opportunity will not only enhance participants' future scholarship applications, but it will also develop the following:

- A knowledge and love of history
- Leadership skills
- Public speaking skills
- Teaching skills
- Self confidence
- The desire to excel

Members will be asked to volunteer an average of four hours per week as their schedule permits. Students interested in joining the Volunteer Youth Team will be expected to complete a written application, be interviewed by an adult volunteer and obtain a guardian's approval. At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or adult role model is also required.

For safety reasons, members of the Volunteer Youth Team are not permitted to operate the park's motor vehicles and equipment.