



Lead Blacksmith – Job Description

Position Title:	Lead Blacksmith
Reports to:	This position reports to the Executive Director and Museum Manager for the Lacombe & District Lacombe & District Historical Society.
Positions Supervised:	BSM Students BSM Volunteer Positions
Location of Position:	Blacksmith Shop Museum 5020 49 St, Lacombe, AB T4L 2G8
Regular Working Hours:	Term Position with flexible work arrangements Full-Time during Peak Season: May-September Casual hours during Off Season: October-April

Job Overview:

Under the direction of the Museum Manager, this position is part of a team that assists in the day-to-day facilitation of interpretative programming. This position will be based out of the Lacombe Blacksmith Shop Museum, Alberta's oldest operating blacksmith shop museum and will primarily focus on developing and delivering highly engaging community programs over the busy summer season. Work in April 2024 will start with researching and selecting a variety of heritage blacksmithing techniques to be showcased over the 2024 season, the Blacksmith Shop Museums 30th anniversary. The goal of this season is to create 30 projects that align with historic tools spanning back to the Iron Age to celebrate the 30th anniversary.

The ideal candidate will have previous experience in metal working such as summer student roles, although this can be taught when work commences.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Represent the historical significance of blacksmithing, engaging with visitors through guided tours and demonstrations at the museum.
- Collaborate with other staff members and volunteers to ensure the smooth operation of the museum and its programs.
- Uphold the values of the Lacombe & District Historical Society and promote the preservation of heritage blacksmithing techniques.
- Prepares materials and venues for programs including coordinating logistics with other LDHS departments.
- Design, shape, and join metal components through hot forging and other metalworking processes, specializing in heritage metalwork conservation.
- Produce small batch or bespoke metalwork, including items such as furniture, tools, sculptures, railings, and ornaments.
- Work in a workshop or studio setting, occasionally installing or repairing ironwork on-site.
- Utilize forged metals, primarily ferrous, along with other mixed media such as wood, glass, and stone.
- Demonstrate proficiency in heritage forging, forming, cutting, and joining hot metal, with additional skills in designing and finishing.

Qualifications:

- Current Post Secondary Student or Recent-Graduate (*within 12 months of position start date*).
- Degree/Diploma in Anthropology, Archaeology, History, Fine Arts, Humanities or related field
- 1-3 Years of heritage blacksmithing experience, or other similar industrial trades
- Previous experience working in Museums, Galleries, Libraries, Archives or Heritage Sites an asset
- Customer Service, public relations and communications experience
- Experience working with non-profits, community and/or government organizations

Special Conditions of Employment:

- No Criminal Record – Must Provide a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Record Check to be added to payroll
- Can climb stairs
- Can lift up to 50 lbs

Performance Review: After 3 months of employment and every 12 months thereafter.

Remuneration: \$38,953 - \$45,678
Commensurate with experience. The Lacombe & District Historical Society provides a benefits package that includes health and dental insurance.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected for candidate selection purposes. The Lacombe & District Historical Society is an equal opportunity employer, encouraging candidates of all backgrounds to apply. We appreciate all applicants' interest, and only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

City/Region Characteristics:

Lacombe, a city of approximately 13,000, is located in Central Alberta, midway between Edmonton and Calgary, and just 20 minutes north of Red Deer. As a small city situated outside of an urban center (Red Deer) in Alberta, and at the crossroads of major travel routes, Lacombe attracts thousands of visitors annually. The Lacombe & District Historical Society (LDHS), operating under the brand name "Lacombe Museum," is an award winning non-profit and an Alberta Museum Association *Recognized Museum Leader* which oversees the 1894 Michener House Museum, the 1902 Blacksmith Shop Museum, and the 1904 sandstone/brick Flatiron Building Museum. LDHS cares for over 40,000 artifacts and 20,000 records in its Collections Space and the Heritage Learning Garden, encompassing 0.3 acres of educational cultural landscaping on its 1.0-acre site with adjoining gardens. The diverse history of early Lacombe, the Michener Family, and subsequent occupants of the three buildings is represented in the Museum's collections, exhibits, programs, and special events.

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