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## Volunteer Opportunities Abound at Sully Historic Site

It's not often that you can go to one place and be offered so many paths to show off your talents. Whether you enjoy gardening, working with children, learning new recipes and cooking methods, or just like to be around interesting people, Sully Historic Site in Chantilly has a volunteer opportunity for you on both weekdays and weekends.

Sully is a historic house museum owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The main house and outbuildings were built beginning in 1794 for northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. Our interpretation highlights the Lee family, enslaved African Americans, and other families who lived and worked at Sully from the mid-18th century through the mid-20th century.

Each day Sully opens its doors to travelers from around the world and around the corner. Some are descendants of families who lived here before 1959. Others want to learn about 18th and 19th century architecture and fine furnishings. Some visitors are particularly interested in the lives and work of slaves who cooked, did laundry, worked in the fields and provided all the other labor associated with a large farm.

During the year hundreds of school children come to Sully to get a better understanding of life in Federal period America, including economics, politics and industry. Scouts learn new skills and earn badges toward advancement in their troops.

During the summer months, Sully hosts reenactors who set up weekend camps and help the public learn about exciting periods in American history. Our World War II and Civil War weekends provide a better understanding of how soldiers lived, the equipment they used, as well as the long-ranging effects of these turbulent times. Civilian interpreters recreate life at home and demonstrate skills that were needed to survive when the men went off to war.

Would you like to work with us in planning and presenting programs like these? As a volunteer at Sully, you can choose an aspect of historic interpretation, event support, or another area where you can make a contribution towards a quality experience for our visitors. For more information on Sully and volunteering visit us online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/volunteer.htm> or contact Paige Gibbons, volunteer coordinator at [paige.gibbons@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:paige.gibbons@fairfaxcounty.gov). You may also call 703-437-1794.

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