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**Fort Western to launch 2019 Summer Youth Programs**

Fort Western Living History Museum & National Historic Landmark invites children of all ages interested in local history and museum stewardship to register for one of our **Summer Youth Programs**: Apprenticeship Program (ages 8-12) or the Jr. Interpreter Program (ages 13 and up). These one-week sessions start **Monday, August 5** and continue through **Friday, August 30**.

The *Apprenticeship Program* will explore daily life at home in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the varied world of work (blacksmithing, midwifery and storekeeping), the life of a French & Indian War Soldier and what children and adults did for entertainment. Graduates are eligible to participate in the *Jr. Interpreter Program*. Jr. Interpreters will assist with the Apprenticeship Program; learn about collections management and how to interpret the history of the Fort, develop necessary skills to demonstrate 18th century hands-on activities to the public, and how to conduct research through reading and deciphering original documents.

Reservation forms can be obtained on line at [www.oldfortwestern.org](http://www.oldfortwestern.org) or at Fort Western Administrative Office located in Augusta City Center, 16 Cony Street. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible to insure you get the desired week. Payment must be received in full by 4:00 p.m. Friday the week prior to the registered program session. A maximum of twelve participants may register for any given week. Discounts are available for Augusta residents and siblings attending the same week program. For more information, please call Fort Western at 626-2385 or e-mail us at [oldfort@oldfortwestern.org](mailto:oldfort@oldfortwestern.org).