

WAHS Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 19, 2019

Report from Mary Spaan, Education Program Coordinator

The WAHS Education Program Coordinator schedules visits to the Dewey School and Waterloo Farm Museum. These visits occur in the Fall (mostly September) and in the Spring (mostly May). Students coming from local area elementary schools experience “living history” and have hands-on experiences at the Dewey School and Farm Museum.

Kim Titus trains and organizes schoolmarms/masters at Dewey, while Arlene Kaiser does this at the Farm for Mr. and Mrs. Realy reenactors and a “shepherd” who keeps track of time and assists in chaperoning and clean-up. Normally the bulk of these visits occur in the Spring.

Thanks go to these volunteers. School marms/masters at Dewey are Kim Titus, Dena and Henry Crawford, Marge McMeeking, and Eva Mills. Tami Gillingham is also trained and serves at special events. At the Farm Museum, the role of Mr. Realy is taken by Ron Kaiser, Joe Lantis, and Dave Wilson. Mrs. Realy is Cathy Alter, Suzanna Bauch, Monica Gofton, Lisa Groh, Arlene Kaiser, Hillary Moscato, and Carol Strahler. Shepherds have been Monica Gofton, Arlene Kaiser, and Mary Spaan.

Here are some tallies for groups visiting us in Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. Also shown are the numbers for Spring 2028, for comparison.

	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Spring 2018
Time Period	Oct. 1—Oct. 26	Apr. 22—June 25	Apr. 23—June 8
No. dates	7	21	19
No. Schools	5	11	10
No. classes	10	36	34
No. students *	250	822	786
No. adults*	50	180	170
Fees *	\$1,800	\$6,012	\$5,736

* These numbers are estimates, based on initial numbers given us by the schools. The adult chaperone numbers are also very rough estimates, calculating 5 adults per class. Therefore, the total fees, at \$6 per per person, are also estimates.

In summary, we show a moderate increase in numbers since last year. Arlene Kaiser has trained several new “Mrs. Realys” but we need more “Mr. Realys” and Shepherds. If anyone is interested in teaching at the Dewey School or volunteering at the Farm, contact:

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