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“Living With History: Spending a Summer at Historic Deerfield”

This summer I participated in the Summer Fellowship Program at Historic Deerfield, a history museum located in Deerfield, Massachusetts. While living on site, I attended a wide range of classes taught by the museum staff, gave tours of two historic houses, and wrote an object study paper and a final research paper. Additionally, I visited over a dozen museums and historic sites along the East Coast. During the nine weeks I spent at Deerfield, I was given an overview of many aspects of the museum field, including administration, marketing, interpretation, education, and public outreach. I learned about the history and material culture of New England while also gaining exposure to the wide variety of opportunities available in the museum field. Finally, this experience provided me with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge that will prove useful as I look forward to post-graduate studies and a career that will allow me to share my enthusiasm for history.