



...**A** past in danger of being forgotten. It has been said that we are only one generation away from losing our history...

...losing the story of how two small groups of men on different sides of the slavery issue, one led by the abolitionist John Brown, the other led by the proslavery champion Henry Clay Pate, fought the first battle of the American Civil War – The Battle of Black Jack...

...losing the story of the Robert Hall Pearson family, founded during a violent time on a new frontier, that flourished and made its mark...

...losing the story of a natural landscape and the changes brought on by human activity.

...**H**elp preserve the stories that are at the heart of the Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park.

Volunteering...

On the Battlefield

Give a guided tour of the battlefield.

Tell the story of the first battle fought to end slavery, on the very ground where it happened.

Help plan and participate in living history events and reenactments.

On the Pearson Farmstead

Help restore the farmhouse.

Give a living history demonstration showing life on an 1880s Kansas farm.

Plant and tend an orchard, or a garden of heirloom plants.

In the Nature Park

Blaze a new nature trail, or help maintain an existing trail.

Become a nature guide.

Help with a prairie burn.

Mow the grass, cut brush, trim trees, or help reestablish native plants.

In the World Outside

Work in an information booth at festivals and reenactments.

Give presentations on the battle or the farmstead at meetings and special events.

Work with teachers and students.

Do historical research.

Choose from these or a hundred other rewarding opportunities, and remember:

“It is an Honor to be a Volunteer at Black Jack.”

Kathy Q., Black Jack Volunteer.



*Help
make our
past
a part of
our
future...*



Interested?

After a short training period, volunteers are invited to find their own special niche at Black Jack. Don't wait. Contact us soon at volunteers@blackjackbattlefield.org or (785) 883-2106.



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