

# Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc.

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## **NEWS RELEASE: Be An Educator; Be a Tar Heel Go Walking Guide!**

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If you see a large group of grade-schoolers walking around downtown don't call the truant officer, those kids are learning! The Historic Wilmington Foundation is continuing its partnership with New Hanover County Schools to educate Wilmington youth about the history of the city that they call home. The program, *Tar Heels Go Walking* guides, has been serving the community for six years and is in need of new volunteer tour guides.

Since its inception in 2009 the *Tar Heels Go Walking* tour partnership has introduced more than 14,200 third graders, over 300 teachers, and more than 1000 parents to the historic beauty of downtown Wilmington. The tour provides youngsters with an engaging excursion outside of the classroom that educates them about Wilmington history and architecture as well as the world as a whole.

Because of the children's thirst for knowledge, more tour guides are needed to meet the demand. If you have an interest in the history and architecture of downtown Wilmington as well as a passion for educating youth please join us as a tour guide. Training sessions will begin in early August and training will total around 14 hours. There will be three classroom sessions and a practice tour; trainees will also "shadow" an experienced guide before taking their first students on tour. Each guide is encouraged to lead 2-3 tours accompanied by teachers and parent volunteers during the fall. The tours will run from early September to mid-December on every weekday except for teacher workdays and testing days. Guides meet the students at 9:00am and the tour concludes around 12:15 at the downtown waterfront.

Help pass down the heritage of this great city to the next generation. If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity or have any questions, please contact: George W. Edwards at (910) 762-2511 or [edwards@historicwilmington.org](mailto:edwards@historicwilmington.org)



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