



## Civil War Weekend on Governors Island Saturday, August 8, 2009

Governors Island National Monument invites history enthusiasts and families alike to our annual Civil War Weekend. Re-enactors, special guided tours, music, and demonstrations bring the Civil War period to life for visitors of all ages.



### ALL DAY SATURDAY

(10:30 AM—4:00 PM)

- ★ **Cannon Demonstrations: 11:30, 1:30, 3:30** (*Please meet at the soldiers' camp*)
- ★ Introduce yourself to officers, their wives and prisoners inside Fort Jay and soldiers and a laundress at the Civil War camp.
- ★ Meet Confederate Prisoners and their Union Guards at Castle Williams.
- ★ Governors Island Music School performances throughout the historic district.
- ★ 45-min walking tours with a National Park Ranger :25 after the hour from 10:25 AM to 3:25 PM starting at the top of the hill at Soisson's Dock.
- ★ **Kids** — Earn an official Junior Ranger Badge. Ask a National Park Ranger for a free activity book.



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### Schedule of Special Events for Saturday

**10:00 Early Bird Special** Witness the Guard Mount as you disembark the 10:00 AM boat from Manhattan. View Confederate prisoners being marched to Castle Williams under guard.

**11:15 Caring for the Confederate Prisoners 1** Visit with the Union Guards as they distribute food rations to the Confederate Prisoners.

*Please meet in courtyard of Castle Williams*

**11:30-12:30 Participate in a Recruitment Rally** *Please meet inside Fort Jay*

**12:00-1:00 Roles of Women During the Civil War** *Please meet outside Fort Jay*

**12:30 Governors Island Music School Performance** *Please meet inside Fort Jay*

**12:30-1:15 Historic Weapons Demonstration** *Please meet at the soldiers' camp*

**1:30 - 2:30 Kids Program, Mail Call:** Explore the contributions of women throughout American military history and participate in a Civil War era letter writing campaign organized by an officer's wife. Mail delivery to the troops will immediately follow.

*Please meet at Fort Jay*

**2:30 - 3:30 "The Quality of Mercy: Abraham Lincoln and the Power to Pardon"**

Historian Ron Soodalter explores the fate of Civil War prisoners

*Please meet at the Commanding Officer's House in Nolan Park.*

**3:00 Caring for the Confederate Prisoners 2** Visit with ladies of the local aid society as they distribute care packages to the Confederate Prisoners

*Please meet in the courtyard of Castle Williams*

**3:25 Walking Tour: "Prisoners of War."** Join National Park Ranger Collin Bell to explore the prison history of Governors Island. **Funeral for a Confederate Soldier** to immediately follow.

*Please meet at top of hill at Soisson's Dock*

**3:00-4:00 Historic Weapons Demonstration** *Please meet at the Soldiers' Camp*



## Civil War Weekend on Governors Island Sunday, August 9, 2009

Governors Island National Monument invites history enthusiasts and families alike to our annual Civil War Weekend. Re-enactors, special guided tours, music, and demonstrations bring the Civil War period to life for visitors of all ages.



### ALL DAY SUNDAY

(10:30 AM-3:30 PM)

- ★ **Cannon Demonstrations: 11:15, 12:30** (Meet at *the soldiers' camp*)
- ★ Introduce yourself to officers inside Fort Jay and soldiers at a Civil War camp (until 2 PM).
- ★ Meet Confederate Prisoners and their Union Guards at Castle Williams (until 2 PM).
- ★ Governors Island Music School performances throughout the historic district (until 2 PM).
- ★ 45-min walking tours with a National Park Ranger :25 after the hour from 10:25 AM to 3:25 PM starting at Fort Jay.
- ★ **Kids** — Earn an official Junior Ranger Badge. Ask a National Park Ranger for a free activity book.



## Civil War Weekend on Governors Island Sunday, August 9, 2009

### Schedule of Special Events for Sunday

**10:00 Early Bird Special** Witness the Guard Mount as you disembark the 10:00 AM boat from Manhattan. View Confederate prisoners being marched to Castle Williams under guard.

**11:15 Caring for the Confederate Prisoners 1** Visit with the Union Guards as they distribute food rations to the Confederate Prisoners.

*Please meet in the courtyard of Castle Williams*

**12:30-1:15 Historic weapons demonstration.**

*Please meet at the Soldiers' Camp*

**12:30 Governors Island Music School Performance**

*Please meet inside Fort Jay*

**1:30 - 2:30 Kids Program, Mail Call:** Explore the contributions of women throughout American military history and participate in a Civil War era letter writing campaign organized by an officer's wife. Mail delivery to the troops will immediately follow.

*Please meet at Fort Jay*

**2:25 - "Faugh a Ballagh - The Irish in Union Blue 1840-1865"** Join National Park Ranger Gregory Maloney for a walking tour focusing on the Irish experience on Governors Island.

*Please meet at the top of the hill at Soisson's Dock*

**3:25 Walking Tour: "Immigrant Soldiers on Governors Island"** National Park Ranger Dan Barker explores the contributions of these soldiers.

*Please meet at the top of the hill at Soisson's Dock*