



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.

11:00 - The Soldiers of the First Minnesota Living Historian Robert Walker will provide a glimpse of what life was like for the soldiers of this unit.
Please meet at the Soldiers' Camp

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. Mail delivery to the troops will immediately follow.
Please meet inside 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

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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 1:30 PM).
- ★ Meet Confederate Prisoners and their Union Guards at Castle Williams (until 1:30 PM).
- ★ Governors Island Music School performances throughout the historic district (until 1:30 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

10:15 Historic Weapons Demonstration *Please meet at the Soldiers' Camp*

11:00 - The Soldiers of the First Minnesota Living Historian Robert Walker will provide a glimpse of what life was like for the soldiers of this unit.
Please meet at the Soldiers' Camp

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 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. Mail delivery to the troops will immediately follow. *Please meet inside 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