

**Load Nine Times Load: An Interactive Experience on Governors Island**  
*Governors Island National Monument Devotes Friday Mornings to Children's  
Programming*



*Men, Women and Children Drill with National Park Rangers*

**Governors Island, NY (June 29, 2008) - “Ready...aim...fire!”**

A line of forty men, women and children line up to drill like Civil War soldiers. Meanwhile, two infantry recruits practice firing their rifle muskets in front of Fort Jay.

This is an example of a normal Friday morning on Governors Island National Monument. Programs such as the Civil War demonstrations are offered for children of all ages from 10 A.M. until 1 P.M. every Friday until August 29, 2008. National Park Rangers and volunteers portray a wide range of historical roles or provide 10-minute talks which are appropriate for our younger visitors. A free Junior Ranger activity book is also available. Once the activities are completed and checked, children can earn a Junior Ranger badge.

Children must be chaperoned and group visits are welcome. Reservations are not required. To ensure a high quality experience for your party, please break large groups into smaller groups of 40. There is no charge for the ferry to Governors Island or for

participation in National Park Service (NPS) programs. For more information and directions to Governors Island, please visit [nps.gov/gois](https://nps.gov/gois) or call (212) 825-3045.