



Volunteer of the Month

Vanessa Smiley

Vanessa Smiley has worn many different hats here at Harpers Ferry NHP; as a seasonal ranger with the park’s living history and education programs, a student intern and as a visitor use assistant. Since 2005 and her work with the Youth Conservation Corps, Vanessa had grown accustomed to conveying the park’s history and significance to visitors through interpretation, living history, and education programs.

This past winter, Vanessa tried a different hat on for size. In late November, Vanessa began working with Steve Lowe, the park’s Landscape Architect, as a landscape architect intern. Since then, Vanessa has turned out some excellent prod



Vanessa Smiley - Park Volunteer of the Month. (NPS PHOTO)



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If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering at Harpers Ferry Park, please contact the park’s volunteer coordinator at the address or phone number listed below. Volunteer today and give back!

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ucts for Steve which include: a 150-page park wayside guide which will be a huge value for wayside panel inventory, maintenance, planning, flood removal and installation; plant identification binders for over 150 native and exotic plant species; and construction designs of “standard park pipe gates.”

Vanessa has been a tremendous asset to the park, Steve comments, “she is naturally savvy with photography, drawing programs, drafting skills and document organization. She is quick to grasp design concepts, is not afraid to ask questions, desires to produce the best products she can, is an extremely hard working and is a pleasure to supervise.”

Vanessa would love to become a future permanent full time employee with the National Park Service, however, she realizes those jobs are hard to come by,

so continues her graduate study work on-line towards a Master of Science in Resource Interpretation from Stephen F. Austin University.

Spring 2009, Vanessa will finish out her experience at Harpers Ferry NHP, then move on to the C & O Canal National Historical Park where she has accepted a STEP (student temporary employment program) position within the division of interpretation at Great Falls in Potomac, Maryland.



Good luck Vanessa!
Thank you for your service!