



Programs and Events

Spring & Summer 2013

	Saturday	Sunday
10:00 a.m.	Meet the Cow	Meet the Cow
11:00 a.m.	Chicken and Egg	Chicken and Egg
1:00 p.m.	The Park's Past	The Park's Past
1:30 p.m.	Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride



Daily Programs

Events listed in the grid above are our daily programs. No reservations are needed on weekends.

Meet the Cow

75 people or fewer

Help the park ranger milk the cow and learn about cows and dairy products.

Chicken and Egg

25 people or fewer

Learn about chickens and their life on the farm. Help with the chores and feed the chickens.

Wagon Ride

75 people or fewer

Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and the park's history.

The Park's Past: An Invitation to Learn the Story of Oxon Cove Park

25 people or fewer

Stop by Mount Welby from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and explore the park's past and find out some of the fascinating stories that have occurred on the park property over time.

Education Programs

Our education programs are offered to organized groups, such as schools and home school organizations. These programs are offered October through June. Reservations are required and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Moovelous Milk

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten to 3rd

25 students or fewer

Meet the dairy cow and learn about the milk she produces. Students will also make milk into butter. Teacher package available.

Animal Life on the Farm

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Grades Pre-K to 1st

25 students or fewer

Students will learn about farm animals, food products, and farm life. Students will meet the dairy cow, feed the chickens and take a wagon ride through the barnyard area. The program includes loan of an education kit to be used in classroom prior to field trip.

Exploring the Past at Oxon Cove Park

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten to 6th

25 students or fewer

Students will discover what life was like on the Mount Welby plantation during the early 1800s. Teachers can choose from fourteen activities based on the themes of immigration, slavery and the Underground Railroad, and the War of 1812. Pre-site and post-site activities are required to be completed by students.



Meet the Artist: Jeremy Pollard Demonstrates his Cartooning Techniques!

Saturday, May 11, 2013

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Drop in and meet Jeremy Pollard, Oxon Cove Park's very own resident artist, and see samples of his many creative talents, including the new life-size farm mural he created in the Visitor Barn. Jeremy (also known as a hard-working member of the park's maintenance staff!) will demonstrate how he creates cartoons. You can try it too!

From Sheep to Sweater: Sheep Shearing at Oxon Hill Farm

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Reservations required

Come and watch our flock of sheep get their annual haircuts. We will also learn how shorn wool turns into a warm and cozy sweater.

Chores on the Farm

Saturday, May 18, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Reservations required

Come and help a ranger with the daily animal chores at Oxon Hill Farm. Call the park to reserve your spot.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph:

Fabulous Farm Feet

Monday, May 20, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Put your right foot in, put your right foot out, put your OTHER right foot in; and shake it all about! Whether you have two feet or four, you will get them moving at Oxon Hill Farm. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, compare your little piggies to the hooves of our horses, the webbed feet of our goose, and the claws of our chickens.

Celebrate National Egg Month

Monday, May 26, 2013

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

301-839-1177

All ages

May is designated National Egg Month. To celebrate, we are presenting an "eggstra" special Chicken and Egg program. We will play a variety of "eggciting" games, make our own chicken food for feeding our flock of chickens, and we will collect our hen's beautiful, nutritious and protein-packed eggs. Don't forget to eat your eggs for breakfast!

Park Bingo!

Sunday, June 9, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 5 - 12, and accompanying adults

Five in a row? Bingo! Take a ranger-led walk around Oxon Cove Park, and use your observation skills to help you fill in a park bingo card. Meet in the Visitor Barn.

Juneteenth: The History of Emancipation in the United States

Sunday, June 15, 2013

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Juneteenth. Freedom Day. Emancipation Day. What do each of these events have in common? They're all days set aside to celebrate the official ending of the institution of chattel slavery in America. Meet a ranger for a presentation on emancipation in the United States and the history and significance of "Juneteenth". Call the park today to reserve your spot!

Leave NO Child Inside

Sunday, June 16, 2013

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

June is a great month to get the kids outside for some exercise and to expose them to the natural world around them. We will take a wagon ride to Oxon Cove and then take an "unstructured" walk along one of the natural areas of the park. The walk will be about a quarter of a mile. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. This program will be limited to 20 participants.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph:

Have you ever seen a Purple Cow?

Monday, June 17, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Red barn, blue sky, yellow hay, green grass, brown horses, white sheep, orange carrots... You'll see every color of the rainbow at Oxon Hill Farm. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, take a closer look at colors

Leave NO Child Inside

Sunday, June 30, 2013

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

June is a great month to get the kids outside for some exercise and to expose them to the natural world around them. We will take a wagon ride to Oxon Cove and then take an "unstructured" walk along one of the natural areas of the park. The walk will be about a quarter of a mile. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. This program will be limited to 20 participants.

Butter Up!

Monday, July 15, 2013

1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All Ages

Visit Mount Welby, the 19th century home of the Debutts, and learn how the women- folk during this time churned milk into butter. We will also take a look at some of the favorite recipes of Mrs. Debutts and see how this delicious dairy product was more than a spread for biscuits.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Straight from the Horse's Mouth

Monday, July 14, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Hold your horses! Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, meet Oxon Hill Farm's Belgian draft horses, and learn about the role of "horsepower" on the farm.

Meet Dr. Debutts

Monday, July 15, 2013

1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All Ages

Take a tour of the Mount Welby home, step back in time, and strike up a conversation with Dr. Debutts, portrayed by a living history interpreter. Dr. Samuel Debutts was the owner of the Mount Welby plantation during the early years of the 19th century. Meet at the Mount Welby house and don't forget your 19th century manners! This program will be ongoing between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Junior Ranger Camp

Monday, July 29 - Thursday, August 1, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 7 - 12

Learn about the National Park Service, especially National Capital Parks-East and Oxon Cove Park. Enjoy crafts, games, and other learning activities, both inside and out. Take the Junior Ranger Pledge and earn a badge. The camp is free; bring a lunch, a water bottle, and a snack. Call or stop by to register. Enrollment is limited; first come, first served.

Chores on the Farm

Saturday, July 20, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Reservations required

Come and help a ranger with the daily animal chores at Oxon Hill Farm. Call the park to reserve your spot.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Tremendous Tractors

Monday, August 19, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Vrrroom-vrrroom! That's the sound of a tractor at work! Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, come to Oxon Hill Farm and learn how a farmer's tractor helps plow fields, harvest crops, remove snow, cut grass, and pull heavy loads.

How to Draw Simple Farm Animals

Sunday, August 4, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

301-839-1176

Ages 4 - 12, and accompanying adults

Grab a pencil and some paper and learn some basic methods for drawing farm animals. No experience necessary! Meet in the Visitor Barn.

Chores on the Farm

Saturday, August 10, 2013

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Reservations required

Come and help a ranger with the daily animal chores at Oxon Hill Farm. Call the park to reserve your spot.

A Star-Spangled Summer The War of 1812 Comes to Mount Welby

Sunday, August 25, 2013

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

301-839-1176

All ages

Reservations required.

What was it like to live on the Mount Welby Farm during the summer of 1814? Of course, it would all depend on who you were...and your place in society. Step back in time as we introduce you to characters whose lives were changed by the events that led to the surrender of the city of Alexandria and the Burning of Washington. Through dramatic vignettes, you will meet an enslaved woman, a landowner and her son, a British naval officer, a citizen soldier, and American troops stationed on the Mount Welby hillside. This program is 1 hour long. There will be two programs presented. Please call in advance for exact times. We will walk for about a quarter of a mile so make sure to wear comfortable shoes. Space is limited so please call ahead to make your reservation.

Note:

- Programs may be cancelled without prior notice.
- Groups of five or more require a reservation and reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- The park is closed on Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
- Please call 301-839-1176 for more information or visit us at www.nps.gov.oxhi.