



Frederica Almanack

A Good Time to Experience Frederica

Fort Frederica National Monument truly comes to life during the Spring and Summer months. Flowers and trees bloom, insects buzz (and bite) and park interpretive and education programs increase. It is a good time of year to explore Fort Frederica and the stories that are preserved within the park. A variety of opportunities to learn Frederica's history will be presented in the next few months.



Among the many programs this spring, Junior Ranger Day will introduce younger visitors to the history of Frederica.

Frederica Folkways Programs

The Frederica Folkways programs highlight the lifestyles of the settlers and soldiers that called Frederica home. On Saturday, April 5, the life of a soldier is highlighted during a special tour of the townsite that includes the sites of the town that were important to their lives. This program includes a musket firing demonstration. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 12, visitors will learn about the foodways of the colonial settlers at Frederica. Join a park ranger dressed in 18th Century clothes to learn about this vital aspect of survival

at Frederica. This program runs all day.

National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day

National Park Week (April 19 - 27) is an annual Presidentially proclaimed week for celebration and recognition of your National Parks. Fort Frederica National Monument will present several programs about the area's history as part of National Park Week.

On April 19, the Bennett Tavern is open for business again at 7:00 p.m. Join a National Park Ranger on a 'pub crawl' throughout the town of Frederica and visit these

vitaly important businesses. The bulk of the program will occur at the Bennett Tavern site where visitors will be immersed in the nightlife of this colonial town. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

On Saturday, April 26th, the National Park Service will hold its annual Junior Ranger Day. The new Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Adventure Book is full of pop-up and hands-on activities. Special programs will include a tabby making demonstration and a hands-on musket drill.

Colonial Games Night: Cribbage

On May 24, the park will host another Colonial Games program at 7:00 p.m. Cribbage is an 18th Century card game that remains popular today. Learn a little about the lifestyles of Frederica's settlers and the game purportedly invented by Sir John Suckling.

For more information about the upcoming events at Fort Frederica National Monument, take a look at the Calendar of Events on page 8.

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A Message from Fort Frederica's Superintendent

Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument! The park offers a myriad of opportunities to learn about the pivotal role this site held in forging a newly developing country. Park staff members are available to answer questions, conduct tours and provide special events and programs throughout the year, in addition to maintaining the natural and cultural resources unique to the park.

A busy spring season has seen many local school groups participate in the nationally recognized Archeology Education program as well as many commercial bus tours and Elderhostel groups. Compliments abound and are greatly appreciated as the staff works very hard to provide the highest levels of customer service! Additionally, a new Junior Ranger program is available for young people to work through as they and their parents explore the fascinating history of Fort Frederica.

I am excited to share the news of possible new land acquisitions through the partnership efforts of the St. Simons Land Trust. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 26, 2008**. Fort Frederica National Monument will hold **Public Scoping sessions** from 3-7 p.m. to introduce and discuss an upcoming **boundary survey**. A short 20-minute Power Point presentation will be presented every hour. Please join us as we commemorate the historical past as well as shape the future of Fort Frederica National Monument.

Mary Beth Wester
Superintendent

April is Survey Month at Fort Frederica National Monument

With spring break occurring throughout the country, the month of April is a busy time at Fort Frederica. It is during this time that you will see park rangers handing out survey forms.

These surveys are vital to us. They provide us with valuable feedback about our programs and services. Near the bottom of the survey there is one very important question you can answer:....What is the significance of this site? All National Park Service sites were set aside for very important reasons; our site highlights the struggle between Britain and Spain for control of Georgia. So, if you see a ranger giving out surveys, please take the time to complete it and provide an answer to the very important question, about the significance of Fort Frederica.

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Year Opinion Card

Fort Frederica NM

PLEASE USE BLUE OR BLACK INK OR PENCIL

	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	Not used or not available
Park Facilities						
Visitor center	<input type="radio"/>					
Exhibits (indoor and outdoor)	<input type="radio"/>					
Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>					
Walkways, trails, and roads	<input type="radio"/>					
Campgrounds and/or picnic areas	<input type="radio"/>					
Visitor Services						
Assistance from park employees	<input type="radio"/>					
Park map or brochure	<input type="radio"/>					
Ranger programs	<input type="radio"/>					
Value for entrance fee paid	<input type="radio"/>					
Commercial services in the park (food, lodging, gifts, rentals, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>					
Have specific services used						
Recreational Opportunities						
Learning about nature, history, or culture	<input type="radio"/>					
Outdoor recreation (hiking, swimming, camping, boating, fishing, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>					
Overall quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>					

This park was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this park's facilities, services, or recreational opportunities?

Help the Park — Recycle Your Brochure

While visiting the park, you may notice a couple of wooden boxes for recycled brochures at the Visitor Center and near the Cemetery. Due to rising costs to print these beautiful color pamphlets, we are trying



to conserve our resources by reusing the brochures for future visitors. If you do not want to keep your brochure as a souvenir, please do your part by using the recycling boxes.

Thank you!

A First Timer's Guide to Visiting Fort Frederica

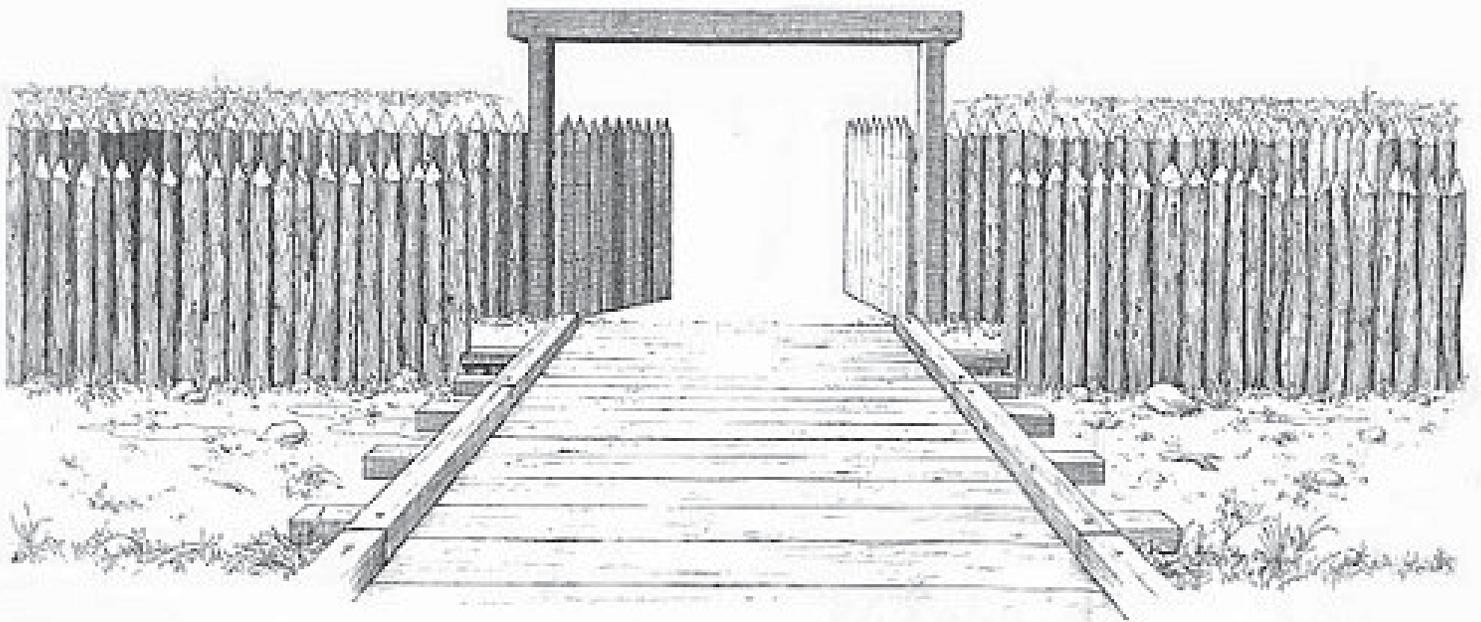


Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument.

You are in store for an adventure through a surprising history. Frederica's stories range from the broad — clash of empires, life and death battles that will decide the fate of an entire region — to the personal stories of struggle, hardship and victory/defeat. You have many options to uncover these tales.

Over the next few pages, this guide will help you get the most out of your visit today.

Enjoy!



Visitor Center Museum

Fort Frederica National Monument's Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. It offers exhibits that feature many of the artifacts recovered from archeological digs. Interactive computers and hands-on activities are designed to introduce the site's history and prepare visitors for exploration of this town and fort.

Allow 10-20 minutes in the museum exhibits.

Orientation Film

History Uncovered is a good place to start your discovery of Fort Frederica. It provides an introduction to the history of Fort Frederica and its archaeological resources. The British-Spanish struggle for control of the region is brought to life utilizing living history interpreters and subject experts.



Running Time: 23 minutes
Shows every 30 minutes in the Visitor Center Theater.

Kid's Activities

History comes to life for kids at Fort Frederica.



Junior Ranger Program. Experience one of the most unique junior ranger programs in the National Park System. Kids can check out a soldier's haversack loaded with colonial tools and items that will help them complete activities to earn a junior ranger badge. The activities take about 1 1/2 hours to complete.

Try-on Colonial Clothes. Dress as a colonial lady or soldier. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

18th-Century Games and Activities Table. Try your hand at colonial games and learn about children in the 18th-Century. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

Hands-On Musket Drill. Learn about the life of a British soldier by participating in a hands-on musket drill program. For more information, ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.

Safety

Fort Frederica National Monument is committed to provide visitors with a quality and safe experience and you can help.

Safety Notes

- Please take note of any signs that guard against hazards.
- While walking the beautiful tree-lined streets, watch out for hazardous limbs.
- Please do **NOT** seek shelter under any of the huge live oaks if thunder and lightning are in the area.
- Please stay out of ruins to help us preserve them for the future.

Although we strive for a safe environment, we may miss something. Please let us know how we can improve.

Accessibility

At Fort Frederica National Monument, we want everyone to be able to experience the surprising history of Fort Frederica. To accomplish this goal, we offer a few services to allow everyone the opportunity to explore this history fully.



Golf Carts - For those with mobility impairment, a golf cart can be used. Simply inquire with a ranger or volunteer at the front desk. In order to reserve a cart you will need to supply a driver's license, which will be returned upon the return of the cart.

Open Captioning for the film *History Uncovered* - Captions are specifically designed for viewers with hearing loss to enable their full participation when viewing the park film. The captions include information regarding on- and off-screen sound effects such as music or laughter. Captions also hold secondary benefits for people who are learning a foreign language, or learning how to read, as well as those who understand best by processing visual information.

Audio Description for the film *History Uncovered* - Audio description describes the visual content of the film. It provides individuals who are visually impaired with information that further describes the visual content not provided by the primary audio track. An audio description narrator describes actions, gestures, scene changes, and other visual information.

If there is any way that we can make your visit better, please let us know.

Interpretive Programs

Interpretive programs offer a great way to discover the many layers of Frederica's history.



Audio Tours. This 45-minute tour takes you through the heart of Frederica to the Fort. Narration and the sounds of the town help bring the town to life.

Guided Tours. Explore Frederica's history with a park ranger.

Historic Weapons Programs. Learn about the life of a British soldier and experience a musket firing demonstration.

For more information about today's schedule ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.



Bloody Marsh

Six miles south of the main unit of Fort Frederica National Monument is a small site that memorializes the final battle between British and Spanish forces on St. Simons Island. The site has a few exhibits and a great view of what is now known as Bloody Marsh. Bloody Marsh is located on Demere Road. For directions, please ask at the Visitor Center desk.



The Spanish Side of the Story

Consider traveling a few miles south to visit the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas located in St. Augustine, FL. These National Park Service sites tell the story of the Spanish settlement and claims to the region and figure prominently in the history of Fort Frederica.



New in the Fort Frederica Bookstore

The Fort Frederica Association operates the park bookstore. The non-profit Association has been a park partner for over 60 years and is dedicated to raising funds for education and preservation programs at the park. The proceeds from the sale of books and other items assist the park in providing quality education and interpretive programs for students and the visiting public.

From time to time, the bookstore receives new titles and merchandise. This issue of the *Almanack* features reviews of several of the new titles.

Two new books from the Historic Communities series are designed to introduce children to aspects of colonial life. **18th Century Clothing** features many color photographs and illustrations. The book provides a good overview of the variety of clothing worn by men and women of different classes

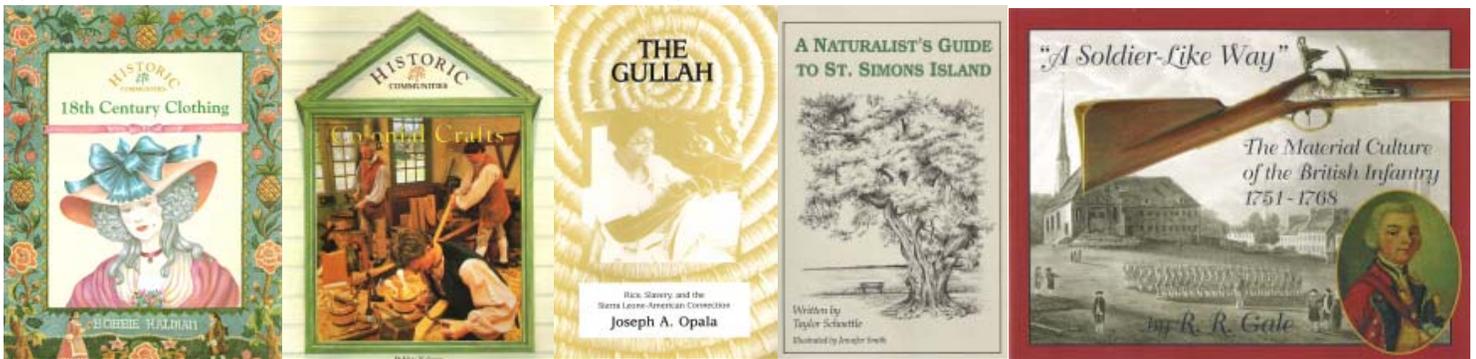
in colonial settlements like Frederica. **Colonial Crafts** also features photographs and explores the different types of work performed in colonial towns by skilled craftsmen.

For a glimpse of the history of the coastal region after Frederica take a look at **The Gullah: Rice, Slavery and the Sierra Leone-American Connection**. Anthropologist Joseph Opala has sketched the history and contemporary culture of Georgia and South Carolina's Gullah people. Descendents of enslaved rice plantation workers, the Gullah managed to hold onto a large portion of their African culture and language to this day.

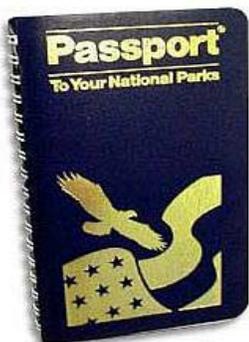
A Naturalist's Guide to St. Simons Island looks at the natural world as it can be experienced today on the island. Infused with a healthy amount of island history, this book details

locations where visitors to this island ecosystem can get a closer look at the plants and features of St. Simons Island.

For an in-depth examination of the lifestyle of and materials used by British soldiers at forts like Frederica a newly published book provides the finest detail to date. **A Soldier Like Way: The Material Culture of the British Infantry, 1751-1768** is full of photographs of original artifacts and primary source period images. Topics covered include weapons and accoutrements; clothing; personal care and hygiene; camp life and diet; health; on the march; garrison life; winter clothing and accoutrements; life aboard ship; Highlanders; pioneers, camp colour men and musicians; non-commissioned officers; and commissioned officers.



National Parks Passport Book and Stamps



A great way to explore your National Parks is to have a handy guide with you in the form of the National Parks Passport Book. Many visitors mark their journeys by collecting cancellation stamps in these books and collecting the colorful national and regional stamps each year. For more information ask in the visitor center bookstore.



Fort Frederica National Monument 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs, dates and scheduled times subject to change (912) 638-3639
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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>5 Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2 p.m.</p> <p>12 Frederica Folkways: 18th Century Cooking, all day.</p> <p>19 An Evening in a Colonial Tavern 7 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 p.m.</p> <p>24 Colonial Game Night: Cribbage 7 p.m.</p> 	<p>23-25 Hands-on History Camp</p> <p>28 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 p.m.</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Raid on Horton House (Jekyll Island)</p> <p>25 "A Thanksgiving for Victory" 2 pm</p> <p>26 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 p.m.</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.</p>	<p>23 Colonial Game Night: Skittles 7 p.m.</p>  <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Public Lands Month</p> <p>20 An Evening in a Colonial Tavern 7 p.m.</p> <p>27 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 p.m.</p> 

Free Hands-On History Day Camp set for June 23-25

This year Fort Frederica National Monument is offering children an in-depth look at the history of Frederica and the role played by historians. Rangers are offering a three day Hands-On History Camp for students from fifth to eighth grade. The camp is scheduled for June 23 through 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The camp is free and welcome to campers on a first-come, first-served reservation basis.

The camp is designed to actively engage the participants in the history of Frederica. On the first day, campers will make their own journals and will record their thoughts and activities in them every day. They will learn about the importance of primary sources in the study of history and become junior historians as they experience the fun of historical research and learn of its importance.

Through their own words campers will have the chance to learn that history is the story of real people. To better understand the original settlers and soldiers of Frederica, the campers will be immersed in the experiences of the colonists to get a hands-on feel for life in this early coastal town and garrison.

Junior historians will partake in hands-on demonstrations of many of the tasks of early settlers and soldiers. These activities include exploration and hands-on musket drill to learn about the construction of the town and the defense of the colony.

The ultimate goal of the Hands-On History Camp is to help Junior Ranger participants discover that history is a vibrant, colorful, and meaningful part

of their heritage. Since this park, its resources, and its stories belong to them they will also learn about their role in preserving their own history.

If you are interested in signing up your child, ask for an application and information at the Visitor Center front desk or call 912-638-3639 and ask for Park Rangers Ellen Strojan or Jon Burpee.

“This is a great opportunity for kids to learn about their area’s early history in great detail and have fun while doing it!” – Ranger Ellen Strojan, camp organizer



Hey Ranger, Is That a Coral Snake?



A Picture of a Scarlet Snake taken at Fort Frederica.

You see the colors and you have to ask yourself, was that what I think it was? Just as during the the Colonial period, snakes like the Eastern Coral Snake still make the grounds of Frederica their home. Perhaps the rarest of Frederica's snakes is probably one of the most misunderstood.

Coral snakes are distinctively colored in black, yellow and red, with a solid black band on the nose and a bright yellow head. The old rhyme, "Red touch yellow, kill a

fellow. Red touch black, friend to Jack," is only halfway accurate. Coral snakes are shy, inoffensive creatures which only bite if grabbed roughly, and sometimes not even then. There are no known deaths from the Arizona coral snake (*Micruroides*), and very little on record from the Eastern coral (*Micrurus*).

Coral snake look-alikes include the scarlet snake, the scarlet kingsnake and several species of red and black banded mountain kingsnakes. A snake in North American with red touching black and no red touching yellow is not a coral snake, and is harmless. A snake that does not have a black nose is not a North American coral snake, even if it has red and yellow bands on its body.

Even venomous snakes are only harmful to humans when they are accidentally (or on purpose) stepped on or attacked. Most venomous snake bites on record happened because a human attacked the snake on purpose, or tried to pick it up. Less than 20% happen purely by accident, and absolutely no snake bites happen when the human walks away from the snake. Snakes do not chase people aggressively, with the possible exception of a cottonmouth who smells the string of fish you are dragging - and the cottonmouth only wants your fish, not your finger.

If you always look where you are stepping or reaching, and if you always move away when you see a snake, you will not be at risk of being bitten.



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archaeological site that shares and preserves the history associated with the British settlement of the Colony of Georgia and the struggle with Spain for control of the region. The National Park Service values working with partners and the public to bring this special history to life.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



*A Demonstration of the new Long Land Pattern Musket
Including,*

*A Description of the Battle of Bloody Marsh &
the Method used to win the late war
against the forces of Spain & the
effects of this war upon the future of
Frederica and the Colony of Georgia
As told by*

*A Soldier in his Majesty's Army
serving in the 42nd Regiment of Foot.
Saturday, May 24 & June 28, 2008.*

2:00 p.m.

Battle of Bloody Marsh Site

Fort Frederica Needs You!

Are you interested in history? Would you like to help share the story of Fort Frederica and the early settlement of the Colony of Georgia? Do you want to help the National Park Service preserve this incredible place for future generations?

If so, please consider becoming a National Park Service volunteer. If you are interested in making a difference in your national park, please visit the Visitor Center to get a volunteer application or contact volunteer coordinator Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or e-mail Jon_Burpee@nps.gov.

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Every year, hundreds of young visitors complete the requirements to earn a Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Badge. If you want more information on the Junior Ranger program, ask a ranger or volunteer in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★ Bernard Maslow, age 12, Brooklyn, NY
- ★ Sam Maslow, age 14, Brooklyn, NY
- ★ Corwin Schlump, age 8, Denver, CO
- ★ Chantelle Schlump, age 8, Denver, CO
- ★ Whitney Reid, age 9, Cordele, GA
- ★ Jannah Brown, age 9, Vienna, GA
- ★ Kentavious Rose, age 9, Waycross, GA
- ★ TJ Smith, age 10, Gaithersburg, MD
- ★ Christie Smith, age 8, Gaithersburg, MD
- ★ Remington Hough, age 8, Mt. Pleasant, SC
- ★ Morgan Brunet, age 11, Houma, LA
- ★ Barrett Young, age 12, Paola, KS
- ★ Livvy Plageman, age 9, Richmond, VA
- ★ Susanna Plageman, age 7, Richmond, VA
- ★ Austin Barnes, age 9, Rome, GA
- ★ Anna T. Staats, age 8, Lexington Park, MD
- ★ Shay Spelman, age 12, Cincinnati, OH
- ★ Garret Havighurst, age 7, Loveland, OH
- ★ Liam Havighurst, age 7, Loveland, OH
- ★ Elena Glen, age 12, Bethesda, MD
- ★ Catherine Amos, age 12, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- ★ Mary Amos, age 10, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- ★ Forrest Feaser, age 9, Richmond, VA
- ★ Katie Bugenstein, age 11, Columbus, OH
- ★ Berneta Karchesky, age 10, Orlando, FL
- ★ Sophie Mather, age 9, Athens, OH
- ★ Emily Mather, age 9, Athens, OH
- ★ Bennett Goergen, age 10, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★ Clayton McHugh, age 10, Ft. Pierce, FL
- ★ Ethan Burby, age 10, Westerville, OH
- ★ Deena Swierenga, age 10, Marietta, GA
- ★ Rachel Swierenga, age 12, Marietta, GA
- ★ Andrew Swierenga, age 6, Marietta, GA
- ★ Anna Blauw, age 10, Minneapolis, MN
- ★ Megan Blauw, age 8, Minneapolis, MN
- ★ Ethan Blauw, age 6, Minneapolis, MN
- ★ Jonathan Pittman, age 7, Cumming, GA
- ★ Rachel Pittman, age 9, Cumming, GA
- ★ Kevin Rodriguez, age 11, Charlotte, NC



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