



# Volunteer of the Month

## Julie Sawnor

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to honor Volunteer Management Intern, Julie Sawnor as the Park's August Volunteer of the Month.

Julie is a native New Yorker who graduated from University at Buffalo, The State University of New York in 2010 with a double major in History and Classics and a minor in Anthropology. Since graduation she has been putting her degree to good use while interning at Disney and now Harpers Ferry. This park is her last great adventure before heading off to graduate school this fall to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Historical Administration and Public History at Florida State University. She hopes to return to this park next year and use her graduate knowledge to make an even greater impact at Harpers Ferry.

As part of the VIP program management team, Julie has organized and led volunteer groups on varied assignments including trail closure, vegetation removal and general landscape maintenance to keep the park looking great, functional and safe. She not only coordinates these service projects from start to finish but also participates! Her varied assignments include her doing everything from trash pickup to bamboo removal alongside volunteer groups of all ages and in every section of the park.

Additionally she has undertaken the responsibility of compiling the park's first volunteer handbook. VIP Program Manager Jess Liptak comments, "Julie has done a phenomenal job gathering information and has spent countless hours putting this comprehensive handbook together. While this project has been a goal for quite some time, Julie made this effort a reality this summer." Her hard work will be used by many for years to come. Coworkers report that she constantly asks for more work and tips on how to be more organized and more effective. She communicates well, follows through on all tasks and desires to achieve above the norm. She has been a true benefit to the Facility Management staff and the Park Trails Advisory Committee. She is an asset to the VIP program, the VIP groups she leads, and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. We wish her the best in her new academic endeavors and hope to see her return!



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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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Volunteer Coordinator**

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