



Volunteer of the Month

Adele Fischman

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to honor Education volunteer, Adele Fischman, as the Park's December Volunteer of the Month.

Adele, currently a freshman in high school, has been volunteering for Harpers Ferry NHP since she was 11 years old. From 2009 to the present, Adele has participated in several park projects. She was part of the pilot Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student podcast project, which was a partnership between Harpers Ferry NHP, Harpers Ferry Middle School (HFMS), The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, and The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In that project she worked on a sixth grade team to create a mini-movie about John Brown's Raid entitled "Children of the Raid." During her seventh and eighth grade years at HFMS, Adele continued working with the podcast project, serving as a director for "The Election of 1860" and "Harpers Ferry, 1859-1861" videos. All of these videos are part of the park's official interpretive materials.



Theater presentations round out the other projects Adele has volunteered for. During the John Brown Sesquicentennial Event in 2009, she and fellow classmates from HFMS presented the play "Anansi the Spider and the Middle Passage" in the Family and Youth Tent. Most recently, Adele participated in Harpers Ferry NHP's Summer Youth Theatre project. This program brought together youth staff, from all branches of the interpretation division, to perform short plays based on Harpers Ferry history. While most of the youth working on this project were paid college students, Adele gave up 18 days of her summer to assist with creating these plays and performing them for over 1000 park visitors. Additionally, she helped staff family and youth activities with the Youth Conservation Corps employees.

Adele's activities go well beyond her volunteerism with the park. While a student at Harpers Ferry Middle School, she was active with theater and jazz band. She also participated in track team at school and the community soccer league.

Adele is an extraordinary young lady and the park is very lucky to have her as a volunteer. We hope she continues to volunteer in the upcoming years!



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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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