



# Volunteers of the Month

## Harpers Ferry Middle School's Shop Class



Please join Harpers Ferry National Historical Park's Education Staff in honoring local Harpers Ferry Middle School Shop Class Students as Volunteers of the Month for July 2011.

Harpers Ferry Middle School (HFMS) partners with Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on several service-learning and educational projects each school year. One of these projects has allowed the Middle School's shop class students to assist in the construction of the Park's newest Heritage garden. The authentic garden will be available for visitors and school groups to learn about where our food comes from and the roles it played in our town years ago. This project

seeks to introduce students and youth visitors to the process of gardening, food production, and the history of foodstuffs in the United States. Over the past two years the shop class has partnered with the park to construct raised beds, build and paint a picket fence, plant heirloom vegetables and devote long hours to the completion of this project. Approximately 20 students have played an integral part in the garden's construction under the guidance of Principle Mr. Spurgas and shop class teacher Mr. Lawson.

On June 2, shop class students proudly brought down their newly constructed and freshly painted fence to install around the Harper Terrace Heritage Garden. In between digging holes for fence posts, installing the fence, quickly putting on a final coat of paint and fitting in a quick lunch students were given a presentation by the Park's arborist, Ryan Jones. They learned about the many career opportunities available in the Park Service and were excited to see Jones display and discuss all his gear. Students even got a quick demonstration from Jones as he set lines in a nearby tree and taught them different ways to safely navigate in and around the Park's trees.

These students are proof that the park can provide valuable learning experiences for all ages and group sizes. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Harpers Ferry, please call (304)535-5017.



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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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