

150th Anniversary of the 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry: Prelude to Freedom



September 13 – 16, 2012

Event Schedule

Thursday, September 13, 2012			
Time	What	Activity	Where
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Information Tent	General information	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Battle of Maryland Heights Sesquicentennial Hike Discover Maryland Heights, the key to defending Harpers Ferry. Hike with a Ranger across the Potomac River to the Naval Battery. (2 1/2 miles round trip)	Hike	Lower Town
11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry Join a Ranger to learn about Harpers Ferry's critical role in the Maryland Campaign.	Ranger Talk	Lower Town
1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry Join a Ranger to learn about Harpers Ferry's critical role in the Maryland Campaign.	Ranger Talk	Lower Town
2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.	Defeat & Victory Discover how the Battle of Harpers Ferry changed the course of the Civil War.	Ranger Walk	Visitor Center
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Battle of Maryland Heights Sesquicentennial Hike Discover Maryland Heights, the key to defending Harpers Ferry. Hike with a Ranger across the Potomac River to the Naval Battery. (2 1/2 miles round trip)	Hike	Lower Town
4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry Join a Ranger to learn about Harpers Ferry's critical role in the Maryland Campaign.	Ranger Talk	Lower Town
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	For God's Sake, Don't Fall Back - The Battle for Maryland Heights D. Scott Hartwig, Historian, Gettysburg National Military Park	Evening Lecture Series Reception & book signing to follow	Mather Training Center
Friday, September 14, 2012			
Time	What	Activity	Where
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Information Tent	General information	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Author/Sales Tent Harpers Ferry Historical Association	Book sales and information	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Archeology Discovery Tent Engage in <i>Hands on History</i> as you discover objects relating to everyday life in nineteenth century Harpers Ferry. Learn about archeology and what it can reveal about the Civil War.	Hands on activities	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Family/Youth Tent Have your photo taken as a Civil War soldier. Dress up and learn Civil War drill. Go on a map search and win some Civil War trading cards. Enjoy a variety of other activities in the Family/Youth tent!	Kids programs and activities	Lower Town

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	"Like Rats in a Cage: Yankees trapped in a Ring of Fire" Experience Union artillery, weapons, clothing, tactics, and the stories of the doomed garrison.	Living History	Bolivar Heights
11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	Defeat & Victory Discover how the Battle of Harpers Ferry changed the course of the Civil War.	Ranger Walk	Visitor Center
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	African American Lives in Limbo: Contraband Camp Step back to the tense days when runaways and freedmen's lives were in limbo.	Living History	Arsenal Square
1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.	Defeat & Victory Discover how the Battle of Harpers Ferry changed the course of the Civil War.	Ranger Walk	Visitor Center
1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	Stonewall's Greatest Victory Dennis Frye, Chief Historian, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Advanced Reservations Required (304) 535-2078	Battlefield Bus Tour	Visitor Center
2:00 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.	Songs of the Civil War by Magpie	Music	Lower Town
3:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.	Defeat & Victory Discover how the Battle of Harpers Ferry changed the course of the Civil War.	Ranger Walk	Visitor Center
4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.	Songs of the Civil War by Magpie	Music	Lower Town
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Music and Drama Presentation by Harpers Ferry Middle School	Music	Lower Town
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	The Desperate Hour Who will be trapped and who will escape Confederate General Thomas Jackson's ring of fire?	Torchlight evening program	Lower Town
8:30 P.M. - 9:15 P.M.	Moonlight Concert by Fort McHenry Fife & Drum Corps	Music	Lower Town
Saturday, September 15, 2012			
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10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Information Tent	General information	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Author/Sales Tent Harpers Ferry Historical Association	Book sales and information	Lower Town
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	USPS Commemorative Cancellation Station	Special Activity	Lower Town
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10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Drive the Enemy into Extinction Confederate General A. P. Hill outflanks the Union.	Special Bus Route to Chambers/Murphy Farm	Visitor Center

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11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	<i>Defeat & Victory</i> Discover how the Battle of Harpers Ferry changed the course of the Civil War.	Ranger Walk	Visitor Center
11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	Fife and Drum: Music of the Civil War by Fort McHenry Fife & Drum Corps	Musical Concert	Lower Town
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	<i>September Suspense</i> Dennis Frye, Chief Historian, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	Keynote Address Book signing to follow	Lower Town
1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	<i>Harpers Ferry 1862: Beyond the Battle</i> Moderator: Dr. Allen Guelzo Dr. William A. Blair; Dr. James K Bryant, II; Kathleen Ernst; D. Scott Hartwig	Sesquicentennial Panel Discussion Book signing to follow	Lower Town
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7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	<i>Telling War Stories: Reflections by a Civil War Historian</i> Featuring Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust - President, Harvard University	Evening Lecture Series Reception & book signing to follow	Lower Town
8:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.	<i>Prelude to Freedom</i> Experience living history in a nighttime stroll through the historic town.	Torchlight Tour	Lower Town

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