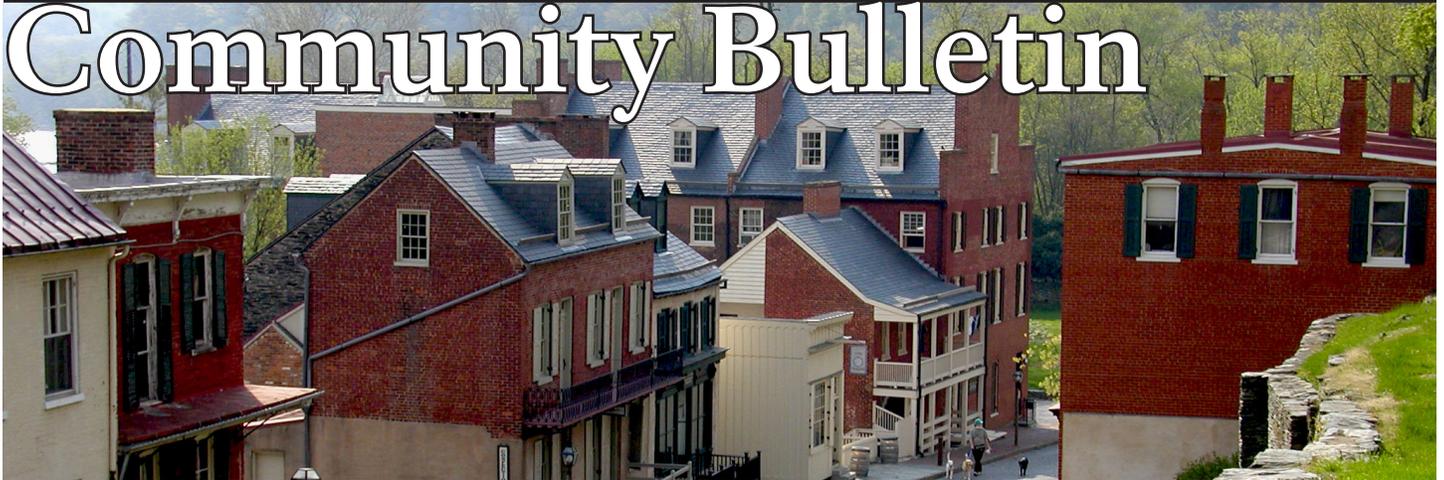




Community Bulletin



Harpers Ferry Announces YCC Summer Jobs

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park's Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is looking for energetic 15 through 18 year old male and female students of all social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds to enjoy a summer working in the park.

Maintenance and Interpretation positions are available for work in this 8-week program from June 20 through August 14. Actual work schedules of 7 ½-hour to 8-hour work days will vary according to job assignment. Salary is \$8.00 per hour.

Positions available include:

Maintenance/Grounds, Roads and Trails: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students work on several manual labor projects using simple hand tools to

assist maintenance staff in performing improvement projects on park grounds, trails and walks.

Interpretation/Living History: Wednesday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students wear 19th century costumes and work directly with the living history staff in park exhibits and programs telling visitors about the park's history.

Interpretation/Education: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students assist in the preparation, development and delivery of education programs to students who are visiting the park.

Interpretation/Visitor Services: Wednesday-Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students assist the Visitor Services staff with information and orientation for visitors, answering telephones,

handling book sales and providing written information and handouts as requested.

To qualify, each student must be a U.S. citizen, have a Social Security card and have no history of serious criminal or anti-social behavior. He/she must have transportation and be able to work the assigned schedule for the program in which he/she is interested. Each student must also be able to work at least 7 of the 8 weeks.

Applications are due April 16, 2010, and are available on the web at <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/parknews/ycc-summer-employment.htm> or by calling Harpers Ferry NHP 304-535-6223 or 304-535-6230. Applications are to be mailed to: Harpers Ferry NHP, Attn: YCC Coordinator, P.O. Box 65, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

NPS Waives Entrance Fees For National Park Week

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced recently that all 392 national parks will have free admission during National Park Week, April 17 to 25. A listing of parks and promotions is available at www.nps.gov/npweek.

"We are rolling out the red carpet and inviting everyone to visit a national park and help celebrate National Park

Week," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "Parks are fun and affordable destinations and great places to engage in healthy, outdoor activities, whether for a few hours or a few days."

"National parks preserve our heritage, promote recreational experiences, and provide places of quiet refuge," said National Park Service Director

Jon Jarvis. "Most people live within a short drive of a national park so I encourage everyone to spend some time enjoying America's Great Outdoors during National Park Week."

Volunteers Needed For 22nd Annual River Cleanup

Join us on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, to clean up the shoreline of the Potomac River. Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and River and Trail Outfitters, BTI Whitewater and River Riders staff have two Potomac River clean-up sites planned for this day. They are:

Potoma Wayside, across from the intersection of Hwy. 340 and Rte. 671. Extra parking will be in the gravel lot upstream and across the highway, next to the gas station.

Potomac Street Extended, meet in the train station parking lot and carpool to Dam 3 (SUVs probably needed for this).

All volunteers should wear boots or sturdy shoes and be prepared to get dirty. Trash bags will be provided. Please bring work gloves and refillable water bottles for your drinking water.

This annual event, sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, is the largest single watershed cleanup in the region and a unique cooperative effort of federal, state, county and city governments working with a variety of groups and concerned citizens. Last year, volunteers participated at sites in DC, WV, VA and MD hauling away 290 tons of trash from the tributaries and shoreline of the Potomac River. The drainage basin of the Potomac includes more than 100 tributaries and covers more than 14,000 square miles in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

Why have a watershed cleanup? Rivers are a symbol of the health of our community. What does it say about us when we allow trash to line the river shoreline and lodge in streambeds? Last year's haul from over 500 sites included more than 27 tons of recyclables, 41,122 plastic bags, 2,095 tires,

17 bicycles, 16 shopping carts, 9 metal and plastic barrels, 5 TVs and 5 refrigerators! How did most of this trash get there? As water washes down our sidewalks and street and into storm drains, the runoff carries with it whatever is in its path. Storm drains then dump the water into nearby tributaries, or into the river itself. Some people intentionally dump anything they don't want into the rivers!

Join the fun and share the good feelings that come from doing your part to help clean the Potomac watershed and to protect the Chesapeake Bay. We all live downstream. Join us on April 10th. It's time to take out the trash!

For more information about the clean up at Harpers Ferry, contact Amber Kraft at amber_kraft@nps.gov or 304-535-6293. For information the day of the event, call the park Information Center at 304-535-6029.

Quarters to Recognize National Parks



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
P.O. Box 65
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

Visitor Center
304-535-6029

Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop
304-535-6881

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page
www.nps.gov/hafe/

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

In a celebration of the USA's splendors, the U.S. Mint recently unveiled designs for the first five quarters in the America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The first coin, featuring Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas, will be available April 19.

Dignitaries unveiled the new designs at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. said Mint Director Ed Moy. "Through America the Beautiful Quarters coins, we will be transported to national parks, forests and wildlife refuges, part of a vast public land legacy belonging to all Americans—natural and cultural treasures protected for our recreation, relaxation, education, inspiration and transformation."

Beginning in 2010, the United States Mint will issue 56 quarters featuring designs depicting national parks and other national sites as part of the United States Mint America the Beau-

tiful Quarters™ Program.

Five quarters will be issued yearly through 2021 in the order in which the featured attraction was established as a national park or national site.

The designs will be developed through a consultative process involving the governor or other chief executive of each host jurisdiction, the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and will be selected after review by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. The Secretary of the Treasury will approve all final designs.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will be featured in 2016.

For additional information go to: http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/atb/