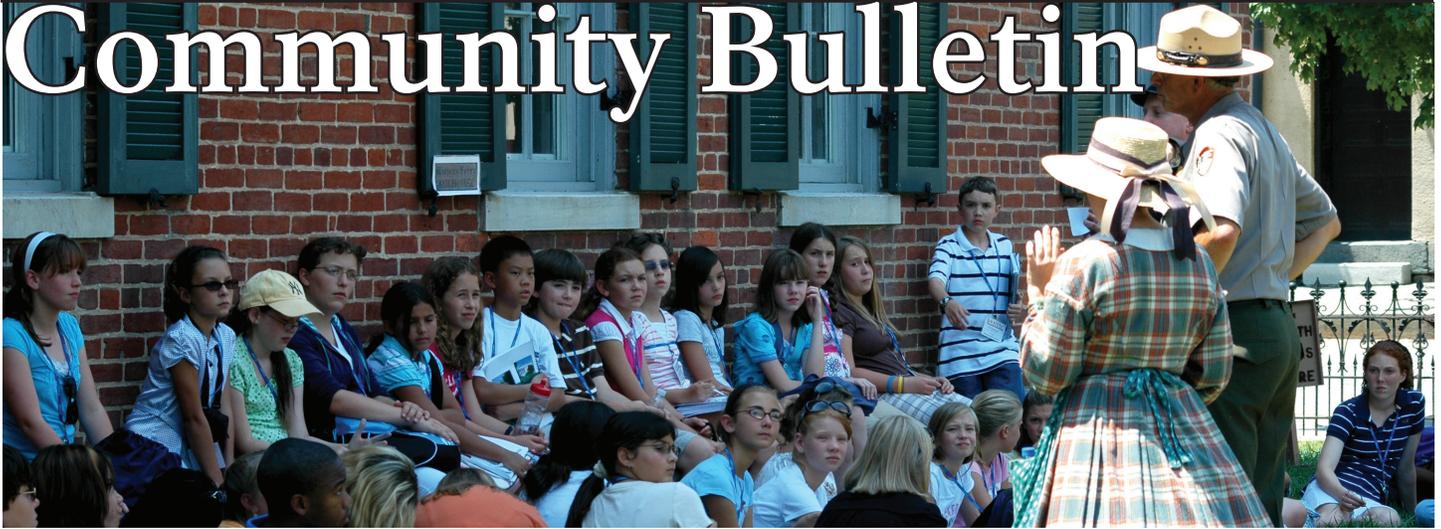




Community Bulletin



Let's Move Outside! Harpers Ferry NHP Kicks Off White House Initiative

This summer, a new initiative, Let's Move Outside, gives an extra reward to Junior Rangers for experiencing the great outdoors and getting some good healthy exercise! Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites you to become a Junior Ranger and join in a wide variety of fun and active programs.

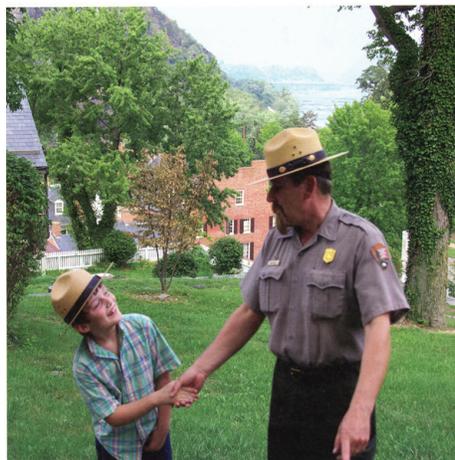
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is one of 20 national parks kicking off Let's Move Outside Junior Ranger. Let's Move Outside, led by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, provides tools and information to parents to make it easy to enjoy the outdoors and be active and healthy. It is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's nationwide campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation.

"Young people inspire us; we want to help them be healthy and curious for life. It starts with family fun. We want to help parents learn the skills they need to enjoy the outdoors with their kids," National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis said.



Junior Ranger

Explore, Learn, Protect!



Young people who complete at least one physical activity in pursuit of their Junior Ranger badge receive a special sticker that designates them as a Let's Move Outside Junior Ranger. The activities range from adventures like hiking with a ranger to body surfing and canoeing.

Harpers Ferry NHP's Let's Move Outside Junior Ranger program offers

kids and parents the chance to explore trails through woods, lost industrial sites, battlefields, a historic town, an old college campus, cemeteries, and along rivers and bluffs.

By summer's end, 50 national parks will offer Let's Move Outside Junior Ranger programs. Young people can become Junior Rangers at more than 200 national parks nationwide.

Before heading out, families can look at www.letsmove.gov/outside for more information about activities and participating parks. This website hub will link families to the great outdoors and give tips and ideas on how to best plan and enjoy an active adventure. The National Park Service provides 84 million acres to explore, so there are many places and ways to move outside!



America's Picnic: Celebrating the Glorious Fourth

On Sunday July 4th, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites visitors to experience *America's Picnic: Celebrating the Glorious Fourth*. This special event showcases a Harpers Ferry of the past--an 1860 town decked out in patriotic finery to celebrate Independence Day, July 4, 1860. Americans celebrated the nation's birthday with picnics, band concerts, and patriotic speeches honoring the founding fathers and the glorious republic. Americans looked back to reflect upon nearly a century of progress on the American experiment. Looking ahead, Americans also wondered whether the country would still be one united nation for next year's celebration or if civil war would tear the nation apart. John Brown's Raid and execution, as well as the coming Presidential election, stirred fervor and pushed questions about the nation's future to the forefront.

Volunteers and staff in historic costume set the mid-century scene. Visitors are invited to witness the latest and greatest technology of the 19th century in the Wonders of the Modern World exhibition featuring tantalizing technology and modern marvels of the 1860s.

Families can enjoy special ranger-guided walking tours throughout the day and sit down to enjoy *Patriotism, Pride, and a Slice of Early America*, an 1860's hometown band concert at 1 and 4 p.m. with the Wildcat Regiment Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

For additional information, please call the Information Center at 304-535-6029.

Additional July Events

July 24 - Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson 1pm & 3pm Lower Town
Listen to this insightful dramatic presentation on the issue of slavery featuring Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson.

July 24-25 - Medical Weekend: Giving Aid and Comfort 1864 11am - 4pm Lower Town
Hear the story of the national and local civilian and military efforts to sustain the Union Army as General Philip Sheridan prepared his army for the Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

July 31- Aug 1 - I Will Follow Them to the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers 1864 11am - 4pm Lower Town
11th New Jersey will demonstrate Union army garrison duties such as guard mount parade; searching and arresting spies, deserters, and traitors; processing prisoners of war; searching citizens; and maintaining military security in a occupied enemy town.



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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.

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Meriwether Lewis Returns to Harpers Ferry

Walk in the footsteps of Meriwether Lewis as he visits Harpers Ferry for the final time before embarking on the journey of a lifetime. On Saturday, July 10, the park will present "Meriwether Lewis Returns to Harpers Ferry" a Lewis & Clark commemorative program featuring dramatic presentations, family and youth activities, special exhibits, ranger conducted programs and living history.

In the sixty-year history of the Federal armory, Meriwether Lewis was perhaps its most famous visitor. Lewis spent a month here between March and April 1803, preparing for the Lewis & Clark Expedition. He returned to Harpers Ferry in July to inspect and ship his supplies for the expedition.

Special programs will include presentations by Dick Cheatham, the Lewis & Clark historian who portrays



Meriwether Lewis, and living history demonstrations focusing on "The Wilderness Experience of the Corps of Discovery."

Visitors will be able to join park rangers and Captain Meriwether Lewis as they walk part of the Meriwether Lewis Trail. Those who walk the trail will receive a special Lewis and Clark commemorative cancellation stamp on their brochures.

Join us to commemorate the special role Harpers Ferry played in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.