



Community Bulletin



Calling All Teachers

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is committed to promoting the use of cultural and natural resources in the classroom. To help teachers incorporate these resources the park assists in hosting teacher institutes. Please see three opportunities for professional development listed below. We hope to see you this summer!

Bridging the Watershed (BTW) Teacher Institute
Harpers Ferry NHP, Monocacy NB, & Catoctin Mountain Park
June 14-June 18, 2010

The BTW summer institute will prepare teachers to incorporate one or more of the BTW stand-alone curriculum modules into science courses. During these institutes, participants will explore the Potomac watershed to learn the local history, geology, and ecology and work with student investigations in the BTW curricula. An integral part of the institutes is an opportunity for teachers to engage in a field study in their participating parks to collect and analyze authentic data. For teachers of environmental science, Earth science, chemistry, biology, integrated physics in grades 6-12. More information and applications can be found at: <http://www.bridgingthewatershed.org/btw/training.shtml>.

The Prelude to War: 1859-1861 Online with American Public University and onsite at Harpers Ferry NHP
July 5-August 29, 2010

From abolitionist John Brown's execution to the outbreak of the American Civil War, national events were tumultuous and explosive during this pivotal time in American history. Brown's ill-fated strike against enslavement of African Americans sparked talk of war, constitutional and states' rights, and secession throughout the United States leading up to the events at Fort Sumter. For teachers of grades 4-12. More information and applications can be found at: <http://www.apu.apus.edu/lp/agreements/harpers-ferry/index.htm>.



American Public University students participate in the 2009 workshop at Harpers Ferry NHP

A House Divided: 1859-1861 Harpers Ferry NHP
June 27- July 2, 2010

This summer institute provides teachers with the opportunity to explore and understand the 1859-1861 time period, prior to the Civil War period of history, and its lasting impact on the American story. During one week of intensive study, twenty-five participants will learn how to effectively incorporate the study of this defining period of history into their teaching. Participants will experience history firsthand and hands-on throughout the week long institute. For teachers of grades 4-12. The application for this institute is available at <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm>.

For additional information on any of the above opportunities please contact: Amber Kraft, Education Specialist, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park at 304-535-6293 or by e-mail at Amber_Kraft@nps.gov.

Spring Schedule of Events

Please note that due to the February winter storms, some of the programs previously scheduled for March are being rescheduled for April. More information will be available in the April Community Bulletin.

March 27-28 Women's History Month Program: Necessity the Mother of Invention

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: See Special exhibits and demonstrations featuring the town's manufacturing and technological advances in health, hearth, and home.

April 2010 Dates To Be Announced From Citizen to Soldiers: 1860 Camp of Instruction

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Harpers Ferry Park invites visitors to witness a special 150th Sesquicentennial Living History event with over 100 Virginia militia associ-

ated with the Living History Organization of the Chesapeake Volunteer Guard. They will portray diverse townspeople, men, women, as they react to the militarization of their society and support the evolution of these townspeople into soldiers.

April 2010 Dates To Be Announced 19th Century Hot Frame Kitchen Gardening

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Learn how to extend your gardens' growing time from March to the first frost.

May 8 – Under Fire

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bolivar Heights Battlefield

Description: Join Living History Park Rangers and Volunteers to Witness the power of the Federal Artillery that Defended Harpers Ferry. Artillery Demonstrations at 12, 2 and 3.

May 29-30 – Defend and Protect: Arming the American Soldier

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Town

Description: Special exhibits, historic weapons firing demonstration and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration. This program investigates how a young republic grew with industrialization, technology, innovation, national expansion, while wrestling with the challenges of mass immigration, free labor versus slavery, and religious prejudice. Visitors are invited to experience the skills necessary to be a musket lock plate armory worker and munitions workers.

Preview of Civil War Sesquicentennial

In *The Portent*, Herman Melville called John Brown the meteor of the war. Brown's blow for freedom was certainly felt locally, but more importantly it reverberated nationally and, indeed, globally. Following the 2009 commemoration of his raid, Harpers Ferry NHP announces it has begun planning 150th anniversary events to commemorate the Civil War. Harpers Ferry is unique in that it was not the sight of one battle or one event. Throughout the tumultuous years of the Civil War, this town endured destruction and occupation by Union and Confederate forces. During the Sesquicentennial Harpers Ferry NHP will share many of these stories with you.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and its partners have outlined events through 2015 that will examine the military and civilian experience, and the economic effects of the war. Highlights include:

2011: Beyond John Brown: The Abolitionist Movement Goes to War; Burning of the Arsenal; Battle of Bolivar Heights

2012: Running to Freedom: Fighting For Freedom; Jackson and the Valley Campaign; Battle of Harpers Ferry

2013: Emancipation Proclamation: A New Birth of Freedom; Harpers Ferry, the Gettysburg Campaign & the Birth of West Virginia

2014: U.S. Colored Troops & the Spirit of Freedom; Washington Saved; Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign

2015: Freedman's Bureau, Educating the Newly Freed Slaves and the Prelude to Storer College



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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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