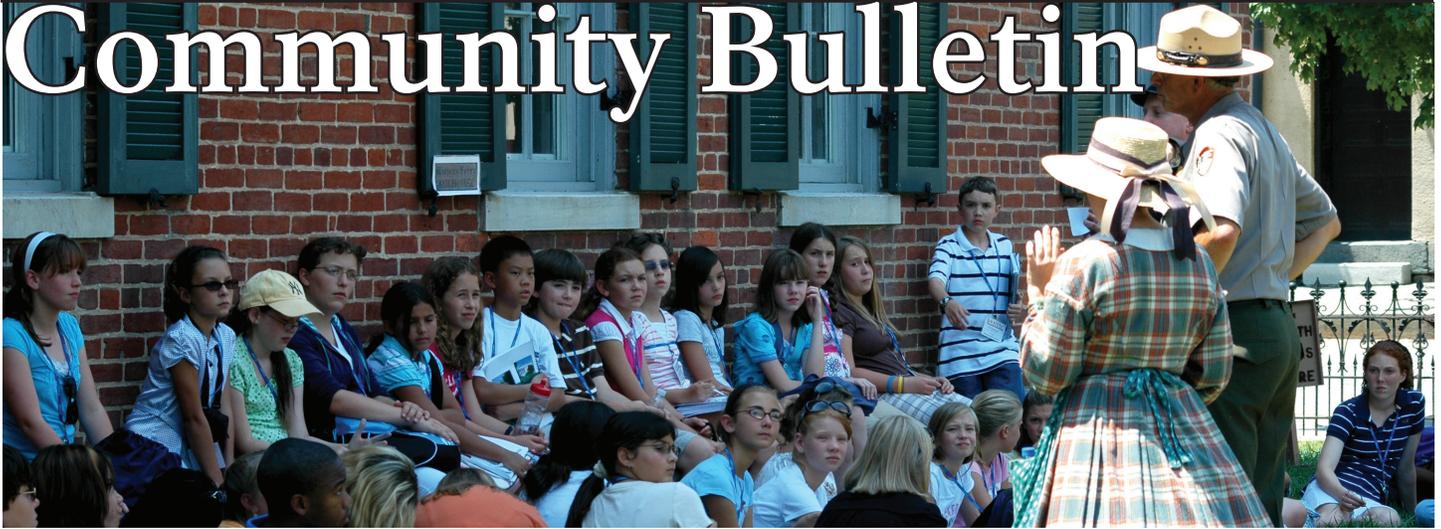




Community Bulletin



Harpers Ferry Celebrates National Public Lands Day

Lace up your hiking boots or just put on a comfortable pair of sneakers and head to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park on Saturday, September 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for National Public Lands Day. National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands in America. This event for hikers and walkers of all ages and levels of experience is designed to show off the opportunities for walking and hiking in and around Harpers Ferry, while helping to preserve these trails for the future enjoyment. Harpers Ferry Park has over 18 miles of hiking trails that include mountains, gently rolling fields and flat walking—trails for everyone. Join in one of our four guided walks this day or explore on your own.

Stop in our Public Lands Day Tent in the Lower Town to find out more about our event partners—The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Harpers Ferry Historic Town Foundation, & Potomac Appalachian Trail Conservancy (PATC). Visitors are invited to contrast and compare items in a civil war soldier's pack versus a modern hiker's pack, the latest in modern hik-

ing equipment and lightweight food stuffs. Take in a guided hike and enjoy the breathtaking vistas! Guided hikes are appropriate for families and are rated easy to strenuous.

If you plan to join one of our hikes, please come prepared with water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes.

In conjunction with National Public Lands Day, Harpers Ferry NHP, the Appalachian Trail Park Office, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club are sponsoring a volunteer clean up project from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers should meet at 9 at the Keyes Gap Parking area and from there be shuttled to the clean up site. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and gloves. Bring a lunch. Water will be provided. This is a rain or shine event. Contact is Jessica Liptak 304-535-5017.

Guided Hikes:

12:00-3:00 Maryland Heights Hike—
Rating: strenuous. 4.5 miles to the Overlook. Meet at the Lower Town

Green. Stop along the way at the Civil War Naval Battery and at the rocky overlook. For those who would like to go higher, an additional 2 miles of trail will take you to the top of the mountain to the 19th century ruins of the Stone Fort.

1:00-2:00 Virginus Island Trail Walk—
Rating: easy. Meet at the Lower Town Green. Archeological evidence of our park industrial and transportation story can be found along the trail. Here lie the ruins of a bygone industrial center—Hall's and Virginus Islands.

2:00-3:00 Lower Town to Jefferson's Rock and ATC Office 1 mile, Walk--
Rating: moderate. Meet at the Lower Town Green. Join the Appalachian Trail staff and walk in the steps of Presidents, captains of industry and social reformers.

3:00 to 4:00 C&O Canal- Rating easy.
Meet at Lower Town Green. The hike will cover about .9 mile to the C&O Canal towpath via the Potomac River footbridge.

For additional information, please contact the Visitor Center at 302-535-6029

August Volunteers of the Month

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to recognize the volunteer contributions of Natural Resource Interns Carissa Turley, Darwin (D.J.) Fredman and Seth Morphis – all students at Shepherd University majoring in Environmental Studies. These three individuals, with their positive attitudes and willingness to accomplish projects, have had a huge impact on the accomplishments of the Natural Resource Branch this summer. At the conclusion of their intern experience, all three will have collectively donated over 1,100 hours – over \$23,000 - of service to the park, not to mention receive relevant coursework credit through Shepherd.

These students were able to comprehensively experience natural resources elements of the park from Short Hill to School House Ridge North and South. Projects they have been involved with range from pest management to wildlife and vegetation monitoring, geology and water quality. Specifics within each area include; installing and monitor-

ing traps on Ash Trees for Emerald Ash Borers; live trapping of nuisance wildlife; insect pest control; monitoring white-tailed deer populations; monitoring and documenting a rare Allegheny wood rat; setting up plots for long term vegetation monitoring; geologic hazard and fluvial geology monitoring; and initializing the parks water quality program by sampling of 11 streams running within the park.

Intern Supervisor and Park Biologist Dale Nisbet cannot say enough good things about these three students! Carissa, D.J. and Seth repeatedly sought out NPS advice for protocols, equipment, and general knowledge that involved working with park partners from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Geological Society. All had the opportunity to visit other resource professionals at local NPS sites including; Antietam Battlefield, Catoctin Mountain, and Rock Creek Park.

We wish Carissa, D.J. and Seth good luck as they finish the requirements of their degree programs.

to challenging will be offered in many areas of the park.

October 2 - Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry 1pm & 3pm Lower Town
Our 16th president comes to life as Jim Getty portrays Abraham Lincoln.

October 9 – Election Day 1860!
11am - 4pm Lower Town
Attend our living history fall event “Election Day 1860.” Look back 150 years to November 6, 1860, when the American electorate cast their ballots for the next president of the United States. Cast your vote!

October 16 – At All Times Ready: The U. S. Marines 11am - 4pm Lower Town
Learn how the U.S. Marines reacted to abolitionist John Brown’s October 1859 raid on the U.S. Armory.

October 30-31 - Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862
11am - 4pm Bolivar Heights Battlefield
Learn about the Battle of Harpers Ferry and see an artillery demonstration. Baltimore Light Artillery presents a military camp. Programs are at 12 noon, 2pm & 3pm.

November 6-7 - Fall Cider Making
11am - 4pm Lower Town
Enjoy this fall tradition that harks back to happier times for German immigrant Frederick Roeder and his family when the tavern business was thriving.

December 4-5 - Captain Flagg’s US Quarter Master City: Approach of Peace 1864 Sat. 12-8pm Sun. 11am-4pm Lower Town
Join this special Yuletide of 1864, when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create Christmas in a war zone. Programs feature local citizens and soldiers preparing for the Yuletide, a Civil War-style Santa Claus dispersing presents to the soldiers, a Victorian Cotillion, Yuletide confections, and special guided walking tours.



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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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Upcoming Events

September 4 - Basil Williamson’s Tavern: The War of 1812 11-6pm Lower Town, Harper House
Join in a variety of early republic activities including recruitment of soldiers, period food demonstration, a live quadrille dance band and instruction in early republic dance by Ieva Erst, a lady of great ability.

September 4 - United States Marine Band “Free Country” 6pm Camp Hill at Mather Training Center. Enjoy the music of one of our country’s premier military bands. Free concert.

September 25 - National Public Lands Day 11am - 4pm Lower Town
Explore area trails, see breath-taking vistas while helping to keep trails clean and pristine. Guided hikes rated easy