

Summer Programs June 19 - August 15

At the Visitor Center	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Story Behind the Scenery A 20-minute history talk	Daily at 10:00 and 3:00						
Civil War to Civil Rights A 1-mile guided hike from the Visitor Center to the Murphy Farm (90 minutes)	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
Training Ground, Battle Ground and Staging Ground Discover untold Civil War stories (45 min.)	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
Harpers Ferry: From the Top Down Join a park ranger for tremendous views and fascinating history (90 min.)	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00	2:00
Lower Town Programs: Meet on the Green	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
C&O Canal Walk with a Park Ranger	12:00	12:00				12:00	12:00
Harpers Ferry: A Place in History -Explore the diverse history that made Harpers Ferry famous.		1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	
John Brown's Raid -Uncover John Brown's plan to start a war on slavery.				3:00	3:00	3:00	
Under Fire -The Civil War's impact on the town,	*						*
The Southern Armory - national defense achievements	*						*
* For more details, see the living history weekend event listings in the Information Center.							
Family/Youth Programs: Meet on the Green Sign up at the Lower Town Information Center.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Hands-on History --History exploration and creative play. Activities vary. (All Ages) 30 minutes					11:30	11:30	11:30
You Choose History -Select from a list of topics. Sign up and vote before 12 noon at the Information Center. Favorite topic wins! (Ages 8 and up) 1 hour					1:30	1:30	1:30
Trek the Trails --This hike activity for youth and family is tailored to the skill and interest of the group. 30 minutes.					2:30	2:30	3:30

June 17, 2008

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Schedule of Events 2008

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



We invite you to experience our special programs throughout the year. These family events relate the natural and cultural history of the area and give accounts of the men and women whose contributions made Harpers Ferry a significant place in our nation's heritage.

The 2008 Schedule of Events is made possible through the efforts of the park staff, NPS volunteers, living history groups and the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. We would like to thank these groups and individuals for assisting the park staff in sharing the many compelling stories of Harpers Ferry.

For information call 304-535-6029 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/hafe

JUNE

June 21 U. S. Navy Band “Country Current” will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

Workshop from 10 to 4 pm

June 21-22 “The Art of the Forge: Blacksmithing in the 19th Century” Instructor: Professional Blacksmith, David Dufficy. Workshop registration is limited to 6 students. Cost of \$100 covers instruction, coal, and metal for two days. To register, contact the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

Saturday June 28, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.

The Seventh Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert with Jimmy Cobb, Jymie Merritt & the Howard Burns Quartet on the grounds of Mather Training Center.

Workshop from 10-4 pm

June 28-29 “History 3-D:Harpers Ferry in Depth” Workshop registration is limited to 15 students. Cost is \$35.00 per stereopticon kit. Children under 16 must be with a registered parent. Cost covers instruction and stereo viewer and photos. To register, call the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

JULY

July 5 America’s Picnic: Celebrating The Glorious Fourth A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band, the Regimental Band of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Workshop from 2-4 pm

July 6 Ices, Creamed Ice, and Custards At Roeder’s Confectionery. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Workshop limited to 20 people: 16 yrs or older \$5.00. Under 16 free with paying adults.

July 12 Supplied for Survival: Meriwether

Lewis at Harpers Ferry Visitors are invited to follow in the footsteps of Lewis as he prepared for his transcontinental expedition. Enjoy special exhibits and tours, family and youth activities.

July 12-13 Giving Aid and Comfort: Medical and Relief Work during the Civil War Living history volunteers, the Frederick Ladies Relief Society, portray the medical and relief efforts that provided aid and comfort to the soldiers fighting during the Civil War.

July 19-20 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers

Ferry 1862 An artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Programs at 12, 2 and 3 pm. Bolivar Heights Battlefield.

July 26 1:00 p.m. This Scene is Worth a Voyage Across the Atlantic with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (Lower Town)

3:00 p.m. The Object of Your Mission: Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition with Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (Lower Town)

July 26-27 A Soldier’s City: Harpers Ferry 1864

Living history volunteers of Co. C 10th Vermont will interpret the Union occupation of Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1864. Ranger guided historic weapons, drill and firing demonstrations.

AUGUST

August 2-3 I Will Follow Them To the Death: Sheridan’s Soldiers 1864 Members of the living history group 11th New Jersey will demonstrate union army garrison duties and maintaining military security in an occupied enemy town.

August 9-10 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers

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August 16-17 A Summer of Fire: Harpers

Ferry 1864 Living history volunteers of the 142nd Pennsylvania and 20th Maine Hospital interpret the Union occupation of Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1864. Ranger guided historic weapons, drill and firing demonstrations will be featured.

August 24 Remembering the Niagara Move -

ment: A Pilgrimage to John Brown’s Fort 8:30 am. Retrace the 1906 footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of John Brown’s Fort in 1906. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

August 23-24 Miners and Sappers: The US

Engineer Corps Visitors are invited to try their skill at using a civil war map and compass to traverse the town that was held by a Dixon Miles’ Union garrison and assemble Chevaux- DeFrise defenses made by the engineers against cavalry attacks.

Workshop from 3-4 pm

August 23 -24 Cartographer, Engineers, and Builders to WAR! Learn how to make Civil War era light sensitive paper used to make military maps. Workshop is limited to 10. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 for registration information.

SEPTEMBER

September 6 U. S. Marine Band “Free Country” will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

September 20-21 The Eyes of the Army: The

Cavalry Factor Living History volunteers will demonstrate cavalry riding, weapons firing, sabre drill, and bugling.

September 27 National Public Lands Day

OCTOBER

October 4 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln Returns to Harpers Ferry with Jim Getty as Abraham Lincoln (Lower Town)

October 11 Election Day 1860

Living History Event Join the park staff and volunteers for this event that places the visitor in the time period after John Brown’s execution on December 2nd, 1859 and the November Presidential election.

October 12 At All Times Ready; The US

Marines Join the members of the US Historic Marine Company at the Engine House where they captured Abolitionist John Brown and his raiders.

October 18-19 Family Life 1860 in Harpers

Ferry: The Frederick Roeder Story Help the Living History staff and volunteers, crush, shred, and squeeze apple cider for Roeder’s Tavern while hearing about the family’s life and times.

Oct 25-26 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers

Ferry 1862 Members of the living history groups Baltimore Light Artillery, Fredericksburg Light Artillery, and the Liberty Rifles portray Confederate artillery soldiers and conduct the demonstrations. 149th New York Vol infantry will provide a Union encampment. Programs at 12, 2 and 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

November 1-2 Luxury or Necessity: Victorian Preserved Foods Join the living history staff and volunteers at Roeder’s Confectionery as they demonstrate the differences between tin can and glass preserved foods.

DECEMBER

December 6-7 Prospects of Peace: A Soldier’s Prayer presents a special program focusing on Yuletide 1864 when Harpers Ferry soldiers attempted to create their own version of Christmas on the battle front.