Hampton

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Hampton National Historic Site

Activity Schedule

Hampton National Historic Site offers an exceptional, perhaps unmatched, look at a nineteenth century slave estate. The mansion looks down on the overseer's house, and the overseer's house looks down on the slave quarters, reminding visitors and workers of their place in life. Objects, such as a sterling teapot or a cooking range, not only reveal the mindset of their creators and owners, but also offer a chance for reflection on the workers who sweated through a hot August cleaning them, or used them to serve their masters. A visitor today can explore the buildings and landscape, and doing so, can begin to imagine the complex human relationships that defined Hampton in the ante-bellum era. All of the events listed below are free to the public, for more information contact (410)823-1309 or www.nps.gov/hamp.

What to do Every Day Winter 2007/2008

Park Open
Wednesday- Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mansion Tours
10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. 4 p.m (Wed/Thu)
10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. (Fri-Sun)

Farmhouse Open
2 p.m. Farmhouse and Grounds Tour (Wed/Thu)
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Noon to 4:15 p.m. (Fri-Sun)

Slave quarters, dairy, stables and family cemetery
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Junior Ranger Program
Are you between the ages of 7 & 12?
With a free booklet, available at the visitor center, explore the history of Hampton and the National Park Service. Children earn a certificate and Junior Ranger badge.

Every Second Sunday

Mistress of Riversdale
March 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
A contemporary of the second generation of Ridgely family members who lived in the mansion, Rosalie Calvert's life is recounted by Cherie Weinert. Would the mistress of Hampton had to deal with the same problems as Rosalie Calvert? Did the women know each other? What was life like for women in the early 19th century? Discover the answer to these questions and many others in this engaging program.

Mother's Day Carriage Rides
May 11, 2008 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a 15 minute carriage ride around the grounds of the estate. These guided rides are free, however reservations are encouraged. Reservations will be accepted starting May 1, 2008 on a first come first served basis. Please call 410-823-1309 ext 237 between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. after May 1, 2008 to inquire about reservations.

An Afternoon with E.A. Poe
April 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Enter the dark and mysterious world of E.A. Poe, author of "The Raven" and other short stories during this afternoon performance of selected readings. David Keltz returns to Hampton in the person of Poe to mesmerize and entertain visitors of all ages.

Victory is Yours: The Manly Arts
June 8, 2008 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Single stick, cudgel, and pugalism. Take this chance for modern men (and ladies) to learn about and participate in the self defense arts of the past. Talented and colorful instructors are sure to make this a very special day. This event is appopriate for all ages, no previous experience is necessary, please dress comfortably and join us at Hampton.

Every Second Sunday

A Lecture by Orson Squire Fowler
Sunday, July 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Octagon Houses. Head Bumps. Social Reform. Discover the latest craze in architecture, science, and education from noted 19th century lecturer O.S. Fowler, as portrayed by David Keltz.

September Abounds
Sunday, September 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Please check back later in the summer for more information about this event.

Kris Snyder, Folk Harper
Sunday, August 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Cool down from the summer heat with the relaxing sounds of the folk harp. Indulge in the popular music tastes of the 19th century in this 45 minute program.

Be the Ant not the Grasshopper!
Sunday, October, 12, 2008 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Participate in the second annual harvest day at Hampton. Just like the ant worked to store up food for the winter, you too can help the Hampton staff perpare for the long winter months.

Special Events

Wonderful Women of Hampton
Sunday, March 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Learn more about the different women of Hampton and the roles that these women played in the success of the estate. More information about this program will be available on the park website at the end of February.

"***Milk in the Dairy- Nine Days Old***"
Sunday, July 27, 2008 between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Hampton Dairy was the home of one of the finest Jersey Cow Herds in North America. Join a Ranger and some bovine friends at the Dairy for this interactive and engaging program. Try your hand at making butter and participate in ice cream making.

Generations of Music
Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Musica Antiqua brings to Hampton a new look at the music that filled the rooms of the mansion. Listen to a selection of pieces that would have been performed on the flute, recorder, violin, and piano. For the first time in this program hear what music the Ridgely's were purchasing for their phonographs!

Check back for more information about our summer/fall 2008 events!

More Information

Please note: all programs are free and open to the public, we do not accept reservations and space is limited.

Group Tours
For groups of 10 or more please call (410) 823-1309.

Watch out for uneven surfaces.

While walking the grounds of Hampton, please be aware of uneven ground.

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