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## Hot Springs National Park Education News

### Summer Teacher Workshops

#### **June 7: Discovering the Hot Springs Water**

Park Administration Building Conference Room, 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
Earn Instructional Strategies professional development

The hot springs have been a lure to scientists for over 200 years. In this workshop, participants find out how the geology of the Ouachita Mountains enabled the hot springs water system to form, what heats the water, and what grows in the hot springs. Take a walking tour with Natural Resources Manager Steve Rudd. Then participate in the “How Hot is the Water” field activity which is offered for field trips.

#### **June 14: Teaching with Primary Sources at Hot Springs National Park**

Park Administration Building Conference Room, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Earn Arkansas History professional development

Explore the history of Hot Springs National Park with park curator Tom Hill. Tour the Fordyce Bathhouse. What is an archive? How can it help my students and I? Tour the park archive room and other collection storage areas. Then investigate how these resources can be used in the classroom. Participants will receive digital copies of primary source materials.

#### **June 21: Let's Move Outside-Discover Park Trails**

Fordyce Bathhouse, 8 a.m. to Noon  
Earn Instructional Strategies professional development

Have you ever wanted to take students for a hike in the national park, but weren't sure which way to go? In this workshop, participants will walk with a park ranger from downtown to Gulpha Gorge, which is 2 miles. Along the way, you will hear about the historic Oertel Trail of Graduated Exercise that was developed by Dr. Maxwell Oertel, historic horseback riding, trail shelters, and the benefits of exercising in nature. From the Gorge, you can take a shuttle back to downtown or hike back. Find out how to use the Buddy Bison you'll receive to add technology to the classroom.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

## **July 7: Civil War Perspectives**

Hot Springs Convention Center, Rooms 203, 204, 2-4 p.m.

Earn Arkansas History professional development

The Garland County Historical Society and the National Park Service will present “Civil War Perspectives,” a symposium featuring Dr. Tom DeBlack, Ronnie Nichols, Dr. Wendy Richter, and Dr. Ray Grenade.

Dr. DeBlack, Arkansas Tech University and the author of *With Fire and Sword: Arkansas 1861-1874*, will discuss the Civil War in Arkansas. Dr. Richter, State Historian and Director of the Arkansas History Commission, will address the Civil War in the Hot Springs/Garland County area. Mr. Nichols, author of the forthcoming *Freedom's War: Black Soldiers in the Civil War West of the Mississippi Fighting and Serving in Arkansas, 1862-1866*, will speak about the African American experience in the Civil War in Arkansas. Dr. Ray Grenade, Director of Library Services for Ouachita Baptist University, will moderate the panel.

Preceding this symposium, Hot Springs National Park will host Civil War Living History Personalities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along Bathhouse Row. This is part of the commemoration of Hot Springs becoming the state capitol briefly in 1862.

## **July 12: Civil War to Civil Rights at Hot Springs National Park**

Park Administration Building Conference Room, 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Earn Arkansas History professional development

What are the Civil Rights stories at Hot Springs National Park? Find out how Jim Crow laws influenced the use of the bathhouses, how the U.S. Public Health Service got involved in a bathhouse, and how the Army and Navy General Hospital pioneered women's service during World War II. Tour the former hospital, now the Arkansas Career Training Institute.

## **July 17: Enhancing Your Visit to Hot Springs National Park**

Fordyce Bathhouse, 9 a.m. to Noon

Earn Instructional Strategies professional development

Explore Hot Springs National Park as you would with your class. Participants will watch the park movie, tour the Fordyce Bathhouse, explore the park Junior Ranger program, and take a discovering the waters tour with field activity.

These workshops are all offered free of charge. Hot Springs National Park is registered as a Professional Development Provider with the Arkansas Department of Education.

These sessions are limited to 20 people. Register by e-mailing Gail Sears at [hosp\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:hosp_interpretation@nps.gov).