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James A. Garfield National Historic Site 2012 Special Events & Programs

January

Saturday, January 7—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

See the Garfield home and property as you've never seen it before! This special two-hour tour takes you into rooms in the Garfield house not open to the normal public tour, including the basement and attic. You'll also explore the windmill, barn, and other outbuildings. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722. Minimum age is 16. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to climb steps without difficulty.

Wednesday, January 11—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

***The Battle of Middle Creek: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series
A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program***

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" In January, volunteer David Lintern will discuss Colonel James A. Garfield's first engagement: the battle of Middle Creek, Kentucky, a Union victory fought in January 1862. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Saturday-Sunday, January 14-15—12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend—Fee-Free Days!

The Secretary of the Interior has designated Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend as fee-free at all National Park Service sites. Visit on Saturday, January 14 or Sunday, January 15 during the site's normal hours (12 p.m.-5 p.m.) for free entrance to the site. Walk the grounds, check out the museum exhibits, watch the film, and take a guided tour of the Garfield home for free!

Saturday, January 21—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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February

Saturday, February 4—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Wednesday, February 8—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)
Fort Henry & Fort Donelson: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series
A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" This month, learn about the February 1862 Union victories at Forts Henry and Donelson in Tennessee, the battles that brought Ulysses S. Grant to President Lincoln's attention. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Saturday, February 18—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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Monday, February 20—10 a.m.-3 p.m.

President's Day Commemoration: Civil War Presidents—A Fee-Free Day!
A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Celebrate President's Day at the home of President Garfield. Play the presidential trivia game, learn more about James A. Garfield's participation in the Civil War and his presidency, find out which other presidents served the Union during the Civil War, tour the Garfield home, and enjoy many more activities for kids and adults in honor of President's Day! Games and prizes available for children! Free of charge.

March

Saturday, March 3—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

See the Garfield home and property as you've never seen it before! This special two-hour tour takes you into rooms in the Garfield house not open to the normal public tour, including the basement and attic. You'll also explore the windmill, barn, and other outbuildings. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722. Minimum age is 16. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to climb steps without difficulty.

Saturday, March 10—1 p.m.

“The Second-Toughest Job in the World:” First Ladies of the United States

A Women’s History Month Program

March is Women’s History Month, and what better subject to discuss at a presidential home than the importance of First Ladies in American history? First Ladies have promoted important causes, gone on to serve as elected officials, and even saved priceless White House artifacts from destruction! Join James A. Garfield NHS volunteer Andy Curtiss for a fascinating look at America’s First Ladies. Free of charge.

Wednesday, March 14—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

The Battle of Hampton Roads: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series

A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on “Major Battles of the Civil War!” This month the program will cover the March 1862 battle of Hampton Roads, the important naval clash between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Saturday, March 17—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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April

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Monday, April 9—1 p.m.

The White House Easter Monday Egg Roll—A Fee-Free Day!

Join in the recreation of a grand White House tradition: the Easter egg roll on the Garfield home’s lawn! This is one tradition that—despite a brief tenure in office—President Garfield participated in at Easter 1881. Participate in the egg roll relay, play games, and see original memorabilia from White House Easter egg rolls of the past! Kids of all ages are invited to visit the site to roll provided wooden eggs on the vast lawn behind the Garfield home. This event is held the same day as the Easter egg roll on the grounds of the White House in Washington, D.C. Free of charge.

Wednesday, April 11—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

The Battle of Shiloh: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series

A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on “Major Battles of the Civil War!” In April, the discussion will focus on the bloody battle of Shiloh, fought in April 1862 in southwestern Tennessee. This was another Union victory won under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Saturday, April 21—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22—12 p.m.-5 p.m.

National Park Week—Fee-Free Days!

April 21-29 is National Park Week, and all National Park Service sites are free of charge during this period. For James A. Garfield National Historic Site, this means entrance fees will be waived the weekends of April 21-22 and April 28-29 (the site is closed Monday-Friday during April). Walk the grounds, check out the museum exhibits, watch the film, and take a guided tour of the Garfield home for free!

Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29—12 p.m.-5 p.m.

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May

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Saturday, May 5—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Wednesday, May 9—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

***The Battle of Winchester: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series
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Saturday, May 19—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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June

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Saturday, June 2—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Saturday, June 9—10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Get Outdoors Day: A Fee-Free Day!

In recognition of national Get Outdoors Day, entrance fees at all National Park Service sites will be waived on Saturday, June 9. Walk the grounds, check out the museum exhibits, watch the film, and take a guided tour of the Garfield home for free!

Saturday, June 9—1 p.m.

Garfield Mini Militia Drill—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

In recognition of the continuing 150th anniversary of the Civil War, kids ages 5-12 are invited to come join the Garfield Mini Militia! Kids will dress up as Civil War soldiers and learn to march, drill, carry fake muskets, and more! Limit 25 children. Reservations required. Please call 440-255-8722 to make reservations.

Sunday, June 10—1 p.m.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

In honor of the upcoming Flag Day on June 14, join members of local Boy Scout troops as they properly and respectfully retire used and unserviceable American flags. Visitors and citizens are encouraged to bring flags they would like to have retired or drop those flags off at the site in the days before the ceremony. Free of charge.

Wednesday, June 13—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

***The Seven Days' Battles: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series
A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program***

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" In June, the focus will be the Seven Days' Battles of June 25-July 1, 1862, major Confederate victories around Richmond, Virginia and the first battles with CSA Gen. Robert E. Lee commanding the Army of Northern Virginia. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A MAJOR BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR TALK IN JULY. INSTEAD, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE JULY 14-15 CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT AT JAMES A. GARFIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. AFTER JUNE 13, THE NEXT TALK IN THIS SERIES WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

Saturday, June 16—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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Friday, July 6—10 a.m.

Naturalization Ceremony

In honor of the recent Fourth of July, visit the site to witness dozens of individuals from nations across the globe take the oath as America's newest citizens. The Garfield home provides an appropriate and idyllic setting for this uniquely American ceremony. This event planned in partnership with the League of Women Voters, Citizenship & Immigration Services (U.S. Department of Homeland Security), and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The public is invited to attend this uniquely American event free of charge.

Saturday, July 7—11 a.m.

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Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8—6 p.m.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival Performs Outdoor Shakespeare

Several of Shakespeare's plays are found on the shelves of the Memorial Library at James A. Garfield National Historic Site. This summer, enjoy Shakespeare "au natural"—in the great outdoors! The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival is the nation's largest free Shakespearean company. This summer, they will perform one tragedy and one comedy at James A. Garfield National Historic Site. These will be the CSF's only Lake County performances this year! No reservations are required and the performances are FREE. (Donations may be made directly to the CSF for its ongoing efforts to bring free Shakespeare to northeast Ohio.) Bring a picnic dinner or purchase a meal on-site. For more information about the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, visit www.cleveshakes.org.

Saturday, July 14-Sunday, July 15—11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Civil War Encampment—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program—Fee Free Days!

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is upon us! Get ready with a weekend encampment on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Civil War reenactors representing both Union and Confederate troops will march, drill, and fire muskets. Licensed, authentic Civil War sutlers will be on hand to sell food, drinks, and merchandise. Musicians will play Civil War period music. President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate General Robert E. Lee may make appearance as well! Free of charge.

Saturday, July 14—1 p.m.

Garfield Mini Militia Drill—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

During our annual Civil War encampment and in recognition of the continuing 150th anniversary of the Civil War, kids ages 5-12 are invited to come join the Garfield Mini Militia! Kids will dress up as Civil War soldiers and learn to march, drill, carry fake muskets, and more! Limit 25 children. Reservations required. Please call 440-255-8722 to make reservations.

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Friday, July 27—4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Old Village Market

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August

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Wednesday, August 8—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

The Battle of Second Manassas: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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Second Manassas, a Confederate victory fought in Virginia in late August 1862. Victory at Second Manassas encouraged the Confederates to begin their first invasion of the North. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

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Friday, August 17—4 p.m.-8 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 12—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

The Battle of Antietam: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series

A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" The September 17, 1862 battle of Antietam in Maryland will be discussed this month. Learn more about the bloodiest single day in American history and the strategic Union victory that encouraged President Lincoln to issue the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation just five days later. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Friday, September 14—10 a.m.

Naturalization Ceremony

In honor of Constitution Day (Sept. 17), visit the site to witness dozens of individuals from nations across the globe take the oath as America's newest citizens. The Garfield home provides an appropriate and idyllic setting for this uniquely American ceremony. This event planned in partnership with the League of Women Voters, Citizenship & Immigration Services (U.S. Department of Homeland Security), and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The public is invited to attend this moving event free of charge.

Saturday, September 15—11 a.m.

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Saturday, September 29—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

National Public Lands Day—A Fee-Free Day!

National Public Lands Day is set aside each year for Americans to reflect on and celebrate national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, national forests, and other areas set aside for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Tour the Garfield home, enjoy the museum exhibits and film, walk the grounds, and learn more than you ever thought possible about Mentor's own President Garfield! Free of charge; no entrance fees charged at any National Park Service sites on Public Lands Day!

Saturday, September 29—2 p.m.

The Death of President James A. Garfield

President James A. Garfield served just four months in office before being shot by Charles Guiteau on July 2, 1881. The president lingered for over two months, finally dying on September 19, 1881. In recognition of the 131st anniversary of Garfield's death, join a National Park Service ranger for a

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presentation about the circumstances of the shooting, the president's medical care, and his death and funeral. Free of charge.

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The Battle of Perryville: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" The October 8, 1862 battle of Perryville, Kentucky will be discussed this month. Perryville was a tactical victory for Gen. Braxton Bragg and the Confederacy, but an eventual retreat set the stage for the battle of Stone's River at the end of 1862. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

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Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 25—6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Poe in Person: An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe was America's most famous writer of the macabre, and several of his works were among the personal collection of James A. Garfield. Visit for special performances of several Poe stories and poems by David Keltz, America's foremost Poe living historian! This event is intended for those 16 years and older. Cost is \$15.00/per ticket per performance. Tickets are limited and required. Please call 440-255-8722 for more information or to reserve tickets. Tickets on sale beginning Monday, October 1.

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Saturday, November 3—1 p.m.

The Campaign and Election of 1880

As Election Day 2012 approaches, take a break from the commercials, debates, and polls to learn more about the campaign of 1880, when Republican James A. Garfield faced Democrat Winfield Scott Hancock. What were the issues? How did the candidates campaign? How did anyone know what a candidate believed in the days before Facebook, Twitter, and 24-hour news channels? Learn all of this and more at this presentation! Free of charge.

Saturday, November 10-Sunday November 11—12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Veterans Day Weekend—Fee Free Days!

The Secretary of the Interior has designated Veterans Day weekend as fee-free at all National Park Service sites. Visit on Saturday, November 10 or Sunday, November 11 during the site's normal hours (12 p.m.-5 p.m.) for free entrance to the site. Walk the grounds, check out the museum exhibits, watch the film, and take a guided tour of the Garfield home for free!

Wednesday, November 14—12 p.m. at Mentor Public Library (8215 Mentor Avenue)

***The Battle of Stone's River: Major Battles of the Civil War Lunchtime Speaker Series
A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program***

Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on "Major Battles of the Civil War!" Following up on October's talk on Perryville, November's installment examines the December 1862-January 1863 battle of Stone's River, Tennessee. Stone's River is considered a draw, though the Union's repulse of two major Confederate attacks and the subsequent Southern withdrawal provided a much-needed boost to Union morale. Program is free of charge; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk.

Saturday, November 17—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

This informative program is a must for both casual and dedicated Civil War buffs. It explores James A. Garfield's Civil War service to the Union, including his roles at the battles of Middle Creek and

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Chickamauga. This 90-minute tour begins in the visitor center and then proceeds to the Garfield home and emphasizes Garfield's time as a soldier. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722.

Saturday, November 17—1 p.m.-4 p.m.

James A. Garfield Birthday Commemoration

James Abram Garfield was born 181 years ago TODAY! Learn more about his birth, education, family, military service, political career, presidency, and death during programs at his birth site (Garfield Birthplace in Moreland Hills), home (James A. Garfield NHS in Mentor), and burial place (Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland). Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

December

May 1, 2012-February 28, 2013—SPECIAL EXHIBIT!

An Artist Visits the White House Past: Paintings by Peter Waddell

From its construction in 1792 until the 1902 renovation that shaped the modern identity and functions of the interior of the White House, the fourteen paintings of this series examine the history of a national icon. Through meticulous research and tireless attention to detail, numerous sources inspired the brush of Peter Waddell to create a vision of the White House as it was, and to gain an appreciation of the nineteenth-century house and the men and women who lived and worked within its walls. This exhibit is on loan from the White House Historical Association. Free of charge.

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Saturday, December 15—11 a.m.

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