

Youth Arts in the Parks



New River Gorge National River and the National Coal Heritage Area present



2015 History Festival at Thurmond

Discover the stories of history through exploration of the park, using the arts as a tool. Join us for a **FREE** field trip to New River Gorge National River at the historic town of Thurmond! **Transportation costs can be paid** by the park on a first come-first served basis with a limit of 100 students for the one day field trip. Schools can attend on September 22 or 23, 2015

What? The National Park Service is proud to sponsor a day of educational, artistic activities for middle school students to learn about history while IN it!

Who? 6th – 8th grade students of Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Summers Counties

When? September 22 or 23 from 9:00 am -1:30 pm
(all participants need to bring a sack lunch and a beverage)

Where? Historic Thurmond in New River Gorge National River

Students will:

- Gain a greater awareness of and appreciation for the diverse history of this region and the resources of the park.
- Engage in art projects in the park to increase their personal understanding of history and artistic mediums.
- Identify historic buildings, objects, and stories through their exploration of the town of Thurmond.
- Learn and practice Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics during their visit, strengthening their stewardship skills.

Questions? Contact Jodi French-Burr, 304-465-2632 or jodi_french-burr@nps.gov

Activities focus on history, art, and English:

Activities are all based around a theme of discovery of hidden and not so hidden history through an exploration of the town of Thurmond and surrounding areas. Students will rotate through activity stations where they will participate in a variety of hands-on activities including:

- Watercolor painting by the river
- Historical photography
- Design of picture frames and quilt squares.
- Investigation of games and music from long ago.
- History journaling and storytelling, plus much more!

Registration:

Youth Arts in the Parks is open to 100 middle school students. Schools will be selected on a first-to-register basis. **Transportation costs can be paid by the park.**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 14

To register: please print this form, complete the section below and fax it to Jodi French-Burr at 304-574-2162 or email the information below to jodi_french-burr@nps.gov

This Youth Arts in the Parks festival, a youth celebration of history through art, was made possible in part by a grant from the National Coal Heritage Area.

My class will attend the Youth Arts in the Park 2015 History Festival at Thurmond on Tuesday, September 22 or Wednesday, September 23, 2015. (circle one date).

School name: _____ Transportation costs needed? Yes No

Approximate # of students attending: _____ Grade levels of students participating: 6th 7th 8th

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher e-mail: _____

Teacher phone and best time to call: _____

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