



Harbor Sides

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Open House New York

(Ellis Island Immigration Museum; St. Paul's Church, Westchester; Federal Hall, 26 Wall Street)

- National Park Service Rangers at Ellis Island Immigration Museum will take groups of visitors on tours of the island's yet to be restored hospital buildings on Oct. 4 and 5. Four programs, 90 minutes in length will be offered each day. These special tours are available by reservation only. Don't wait. Last year the 240 slots filled up in just 2 hours.
- St. Paul's Church in Westchester will be open Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of Open House New York. The feature event of the day is the guided, interpretive Church Tower Walk. The historic cemetery, church, and museum are also open and available for viewing.
- Federal Hall at 26 Wall Street will hold a special weekend opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 4 as part of Open House New York.

Youth Week 2008

(African Burial Ground National Monument, Ted Weiss Federal Building, 290 Broadway, Manhattan) Oct. 5-Oct 11. The week's programs will focus on educating youth of from pre-schoolers to high school seniors about the crucial role free and enslaved Africans played in the development of New York during the 17th and 18th centuries. Programs will include walking tours, puppet making workshops, beading workshops, storytime, dance and drumming performance and workshop, archaeology and a panel discussion.

Teddy Roosevelt: At 150, He's Still Larger than Life

(Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, 28 Twentieth Street, Manhattan)

- **Oct. 10:** Experience the life and times of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, as portrayed by James Foote at 11 a.m.
- **Oct. 26:** Commemorate the 150th birthday of Theodore Roosevelt at block party and open house complete with: A one-man play by Roosevelt re-enactor; Rough Rider re-enactors with horses and period arms; A buffalo soldier re-enactor, pony ride and exhibition; Children's activities including a Junior Ranger program, face painting and button making; Display featuring National Park Service equipment; and A few special birthday giveaways.
- **Oct. 27:** "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt" and "Theodore Rex" author Edmund Morris and his wife, Sylvia, will give a presentation on the president whose persona remains larger-than-life. Seating is limited and reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis. For more information, please call (212) 260-1616.

Battle of Pell's Point encampment

(St. Paul's Church, 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon)

- **Oct. 17:** Cemetery by candlelight. Tour the historic cemetery after dark and then hear a performance of 18th-century music by Linda Russell & Companie in the historic church. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Oct. 18:** Battle of Pell's Point Encampment. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be musket firing, demonstrations and militia drill by costumed re-enactors, period music and dancing, dramatizations, crafts and cooking, historic children's games to commemorate the 1776 Battle of Pell Point.

Lady Liberty turning 122

(Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Immigration Museum) On Oct. 28, the Statue of Liberty will celebrate her 122nd birthday. For many years, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War chapters conduct fundraising events and present a gift to the park during a ceremony held on this date at the Liberty Island Flagpole. Each year hundreds of visitors gather to be part of "Liberty's Birthday Bash." To mark the celebration this year, the NPS will install a display in the Visitor's Center chronicling the history of the Ladies Auxiliary and their worthwhile endeavors. In 2002, the park received saplings that were planted along the island's northern edge. The cluster of trees has been named the September 11th Memorial Grove. In 2006, for the Statue's 120th birthday, 120 American Flags were flown on the island in front of the statue. The flags were shipped to New Orleans, and donated to various schools as they re-opened in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Night at the Tomb

(General Grant National Memorial, 122nd Street and Riverside, Manhattan) Usher in Halloween with a special nighttime tour of Grant's Tomb at 7 p.m. on Oct. 30. Meet a National Park Ranger in the outdoor plaza in front of the memorial for a candlelight visit deep into the heart of the mausoleum. Living history interpreters wearing period costume will talk about Grant as well as the memorial, and if you are very lucky you just might run into some friendly Civil War "ghosts" during this 45-minute program. This is not an ordinary tour of the memorial, but a unique opportunity to experience the essence of the building and the presence of its "residents."

On the Wing

(Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ and NY) – Shorter days and cooler temperatures mean migratory birds begin their journey south. Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge offers numerous programs for bird watching from "Birding 101" to "NYC Audubon Winter Waterfowl Workshop." For more information, please contact Brian Feeney at (718) 354-4602.