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2010 Summer Fun in the Park

Looking for a fun way to learn something new this summer? If you are between the ages of 9 and 13 then check out the Junior Ranger program at Oxon Cove Park. Junior Ranger camp runs from July 19 to the 22, 9 am to 1 pm each day. *Reservations are required.* You can still become a Junior Ranger

even if you can not attend the camp. If you have at least 2 hours to spend in the park then swing by the Visitor Center and pick-up the Junior Ranger Booklet, ***Learn, Explore, Protect.*** Complete the activities and you will earn a badge, patch, certificate and become a member of the elite corp of Oxon Cove Park Junior Rangers.



Explore the War of 1812 on a Star-Spangled Bike Tour



Celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 5, 2010 by taking a 10-mile bike across the

Potomac River. On each side of the Potomac River you will visit two historic sites that were connected socially, politically, and economically during the War of 1812. The two sites are Mount Welby of Oxon Hill and the Carlyle House of Alexandria.

Participants will begin the tour at 9 a.m. at one of two locations – Carlyle House Historic Park (121 North Fairfax Street) in Old Town Alexandria or Oxon Hill Farm (6411 Oxon Hill Road) in Oxon Hill, Md. Cyclists will learn about the impact of the War of 1812 from costumed interpreters and then cycle across

the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to the other historic site for another living history program; experiencing how witnesses on both sides of the river lived through wartime events. An optional two-hour 20-mile loop to Fort Washington departs from Oxon Hill Farm at noon and includes an interpretive program at the fort.

The tours are free, but helmets, reservations, and a signed waiver are required. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a participating adult. Routes include some street cycling and hills. For more information or to make reservations, please contact ruth.reeder@alexandriava.gov or call Alexandria Archaeology at 703.746.4399.



Building Bridges for the Challenged Summer Fun

Sundays, June to August
12 pm to 1 pm
All Ages

Oxon Cove Park will present a series of programs this summer for our Building the Bridges for the Challenged program. The Building Bridges for the Challenged program provides recreational and educational opportunities for intellectually and developmentally disabled visitors.

The programs will begin at 12 p.m. each Sunday. Reservations are required so please call two weeks in advance to reserve your space.

Meet Owen Johnson, Jr.



Owen Johnson, Jr. wears many hats in the park. He not only is a Visitor Use Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator, but he can be called upon to put on his 19th century hat and play the part of Paul, a freed slave once owned by Dr. Debutts.

Owen began his career with the National Park Service in 1994 at Wolf Trap Park. Soon after that, he accepted a position at Oxon Cove Park—and has been here since.

Let's tip our hat to him for increasing the park's volunteer hours in 2010 by 60 %.

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The park is open every day of the year from 8 am to 4:30 pm, except January 1, Thanksgiving, and December 25.

Program changes can be made without notice.