



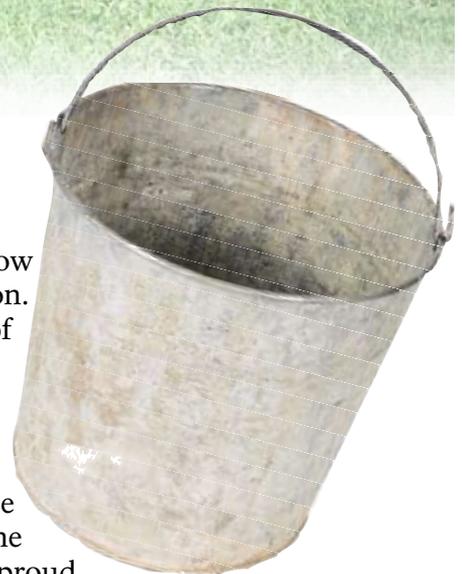
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Meet Virginia!



Met Virginia, the newest cow to join our herd! Virginia arrived at the park on June 23rd when she was dropped off by her first owners. Her first day at Oxon Hill Farm was spent introducing herself to the other animals in the Dairy Barn pasture: Mae, the Morgan/Percheron draft horse, Pat, the miniature mule, and Tuesday, the previous demonstration cow that has since gone into retirement. The other cows kept across the fence were very interested in meeting a new addition. The day was filled with many “moos”.

Virginia is a two year old Jersey cow and is now the star of our cow milking demonstration. Jersey cows are one of the smaller breeds of dairy cows ranging from 800 lbs to 1200 lbs. They are well known for their gentle disposition. This is one characteristic we are proud to say Virginia shows. You can meet Virginia during our cow milking demonstrations.

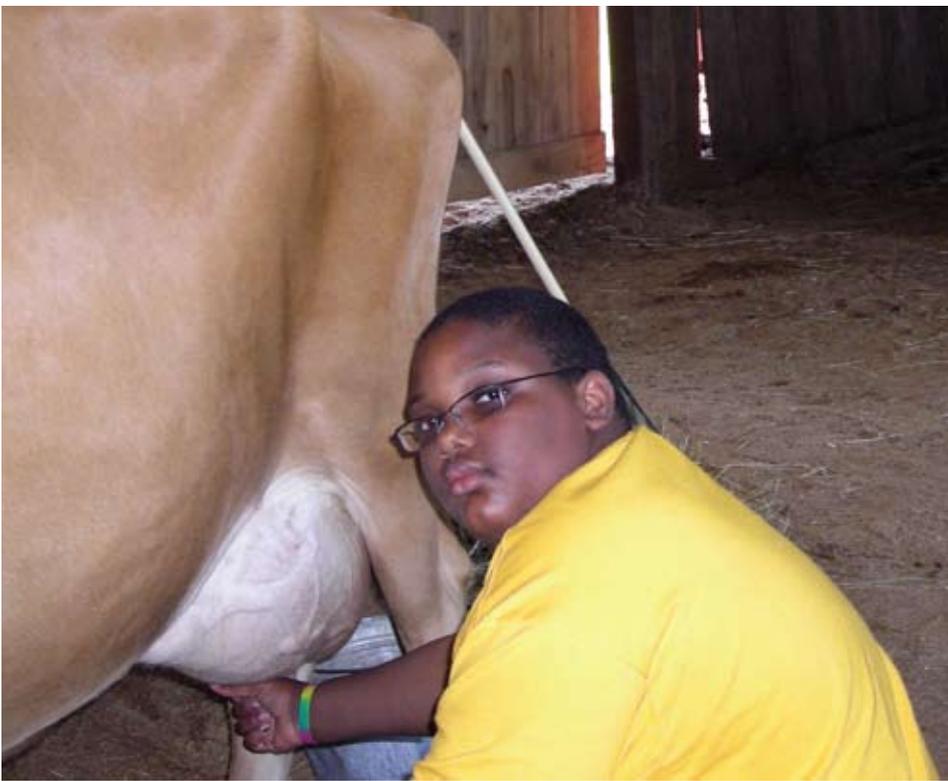


Thanks Joshua

Eleven-year-old Joshua Bates of Waldorf, Maryland, leant a much-needed helping hand this summer by volunteering at Oxon Cove Park.

Joshua helped out with animal care and park maintenance. He even participated in the Oxon Cove Park Junior Ranger program and earned his Junior Ranger badge.

Watching Animal Planet and learning about animals are some of Joshua's interests. That is Joshua in the picture to the left. He is milking Virginia, the Jersey cow.



Something for Everyone

Check our upcoming events schedule that runs from October 2008 to April 2009.

We will be offering a wide assortment of programs geared to a wide range of audiences. So, if you are a kid or an adult and if you like history or nature, there is something for you at Oxon Cove Park!

Pick up an events schedule at the Visitor Barn or check it out on our website, www.nps.gov/oxhi.

Thanks to our Junior Ranger Ambassador, Ahmad Toure, for developing the first Junior Ranger booklet for Oxon Cove Park. The booklet will be available spring of 2009. It is geared towards kids ages 9-13. All those who **Explore, Learn, and Protect** by completing the booklet will earn a badge, a patch, and a certificate.



Welcome Jackie and Mike

Welcome Rangers Jackie Ballard and Michael Schaefer to the Oxon Cove Park team. Jackie grew up in St. Mary's County, Maryland and has lived there her entire life. She is a graduate of Frostberg



State University and has a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management with a minor in Biology. Michael is a graduate of West Virginia University School of Agriculture and Forestry with a degree in Wildlands Management. He also earned a Masters of Special Education from George Mason University. Before joining the farm staff, Michael has been teaching students with severe disabilities in Fairfax County and working as a seasonal employee during the summers with the National Park Service.

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The park is opened every day of the year from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Program changes can be made without notice.