



Celebrate African American History Month at Oxon Cove Park!

Civil Rights: Why Are We Still Talking About This in 2015?

Sunday, February 8, 2015, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 to 13

One weakness of the Bill of Rights was that it largely left unprotected the majority of people who lived on the Mount Welby property, present-day Oxon Hill Farm. Who were these unsheltered people and why were they not protected by our Constitution's first ten amendments? We will also discuss what actions the government has taken since the Bill of Rights to protect all citizens' civil rights and why civil rights is still an important topic in 2015.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: West African Tales for Your *Ding Ding Kende* (Good Little Child)

Sunday, February 15, 2015, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and
Monday, February 16, 2015, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 0 to 4, and accompanying adults

At Oxon Cove Park every third Sunday and Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. For Black History Month, meet Clever Anansi, Boastful Bullfrog, and other characters from West African oral tradition. For centuries, *griots* have delighted children with these colorful tales, full of rhythm, music, and opportunities for listener participation. Storytelling was an important connection that the enslaved could share with their ancestors and with each other. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Student Lecture Series on Race and Social Justice

Saturday, February 21, 2015, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
All Ages

Oxon Cove Park has partnered with a number of local high schools and colleges to present our Student Lecture Series on Race and Social Justice. This monthly program features scholarly presentations from students on the various topics that impact the African American community and are relevant to all. At the conclusion of each lecture a ranger-led discussion will be held. We welcome you to join us as we bring the community together to support the works of our youth. The program will be held in the education room at Oxon Cove Park's Mount Welby home. Call today to reserve your spot!

Learning How to Crochet

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Ages 12 years and up

In 19th-century America, many women engaged in some form of needlework, especially in winter. African American women sewed and knitted out of necessity in order to keep their families clothed and warm. Enslaved women and girls spent daytime hours mending clothes and making quilts for the members of the master's household. At night when they returned home, enslaved women stitched communal quilts and did other needlework together. This was one of the few times enslaved African Americans were allowed to gather together for pleasure or to express their creativity. To celebrate this tradition, come to Oxon Cove Park and learn a simple crochet stitch that can be used to create a blanket or pot holder. Meet in the Visitor Barn.

Book Discussion: *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
All ages are welcome, but discussion may involve adult subjects.

From the late 1600s to the early 1800s, slaveholders owned the property that is now Oxon Cove Park and they prospered from the labor of the slaves that worked on this farm. Unfortunately, no information about the lives of these enslaved people survives in their own words. We do, however, have written accounts of slaves on other plantations. Join us in the Visitor Barn for a discussion about the book *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs to learn more about her experiences as a slave in North Carolina in the early 1800s and her efforts to escape to the North.

**Oxon Hill Farm is located at
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