

Stones River National Battlefield



Field Trip Program

Forward March!

Battlefield Hike



Description

Participants will arrive at the visitor center, then, if adequate staff is available, separate into appropriately sized groups. Group numbers under 60 are favorable for a smooth and beneficial trip. Group 1 would then split again in half and spend the first hour completing the Museum Scavenger Hunt, and the "Load!

Ready! Fire!" programs.

Group 2 will board a bus and travel to Tour Stop #2 and walk into the Slaughter Pen. The bus will leave the participants at Tour Stop #2 and continue to Tour Stop #3, where the participants will meet the

bus after completing the ¼ mile hike from Tour Stop #2. Participants will learn about the pivotal events that

happened at the Slaughter Pen. The group will explore the unique limestone outcrops in the Slaughter Pen as they have a gruesome scene of struggle and sacrifice painted for them by a ranger using primary source references.

After exploring the Slaughter Pen, the group will hike about ¼ mile to Tour Stop #1. Along the way the ranger may take the opportunity to discuss the African American community that sprung up out of the aftermath of the battle. Once the participants arrive at Tour Stop #1 the ranger can take this opportunity to

explain the critical role the road and the railroad played in the Battle of Stones River and the American Civil War. After a brief description of the final struggles of the battle, including details regarding the cotton field, and the role artillery played at the battle, the participants will board bus and travel back to the visitor

center where they will switch places with Group 1, and the process begins again with the second half of the participants.

In the event park staff is limited, participants will split into two groups and alternate between the Museum Scavenger Hunt and "Load, Ready, Fire!" before reuniting for the bus ride to the Slaughter Pen.

Details

Duration: 60 minutes

Subject(s): Civil Rights Movement, Civil War, Ecology, Geology, Landscapes, Military and Wartime History, Physical Fitness, Recreation / Leisure / Tourism, Social Studies

Tennessee Curriculum Standards: CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.SL.5.2 & SL.5.3

TN SS 5.7(G,C), 5.11(G,H,TN) & 5.12(C,H,P)

TNPE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 3.1.1 AND FITNESS 4.1.1.