

Student Conservation Association Assists Park

One Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew will be working in the park July 29- August 27, 2008. Two supervisors and six students will spend this month constructing approximately 1800 feet of historic Virginia worm fence on School House Ridge - South Battlefield, along the Perry Orchard site. The students will begin by clearing all woody vegetation from the existing wire fence line, cut the wire fence into sections and remove existing steel posts to prepare for the installation of the worm fence. Once the construction of the fence is complete, grass seed will be planted and thatched by the crew.

These students are 15 to 18 year old high school students from across the country who sign on for 30 days labor to improve our environment and preserve state, county and federal lands. They receive credit towards volunteer/community service hours to enter college. The project was made possible through a cooperative agreement between SCA and the National Park Service.

The park is pleased to have this crew working to improve the park.

For further information on the SCA call 603-543-1700 or log onto the SCA website at http://www.thesca.org/



Perry Orchard site where the SCA will construct a Virginia worm fence

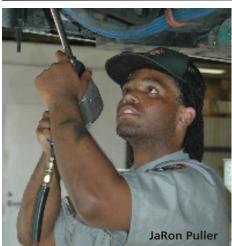


Front: Supervisor-Allison Hammons, Back: (L to R) Carren Stika, Supervisor-Mike Pierce, Joshua Hnizdor, Caroline Dunlap, Mathew Bancone, Michael Dudrey, Amber Canniff

Youth Program Partners with NAACP and Jefferson High School

Harpers Ferry NHP is participating in the 2008 Youth Partnerships Program (YPP) that introduces young people to the conservation of natural and cultural resources. Harpers Ferry Park partnered with Jefferson County NAACP and Jefferson High School during this funding cycle. Five students from Jefferson High School were selected. They are Vanessa Furby,

Danielle Bishop, James Bishop, JaRon Puller and Charles Yates.



JaRon Puller recently graduated from Jefferson High School and will be attending Potomac State in the fall studying graphic arts/computer science. When asked about the YPP program he said, "This is the perfect summer job. I've done everything--carpentry, masonry, mechanics, welding. I can't even think of what all I've done. I love the outdoors and the variety."



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Vanessa Furby will be a Senior at Jefferson High School this fall and plans to go to college after graduation. "I like this job alot," she said with a smile. "But it can be overwhelming when lots of people arrive at the same time. I greet visitors and answer their questions about what to see and do in the park. It's a job I'd really like to come back to."



James Bishop, a recent graduate from Jefferson High School, will be attending Concord University in the fall studying computer science. During his last week on the job he said, "This has been a good job. I've been helping the community and National Parks and have learned more about the history here than I learned in school. I've liked everything. It's been good."



Charles Yates will be a Junior at Washington High School this fall. He learned about this job from the Jefferson County Board of Education. He's had many experiences from painting to masonry to yard work to laying pipe. According to Charles, "It's fun and a good experience. I've learned a lot of new skills and how to work with different people--teamwork."



Danielle Bishop, a Senior at Jefferson High School, was interested in working with the Education program because she likes children. "I like working with the Jr. NYLC the best," Dani said. "It's fun. I've learned alot about the history of Harpers Ferry and John Brown that I didn't know before. I also adjusted to working outdoors. I'd like to come back next year."