Independence and Valley Forge National Historical Parks



History's Mysteries SOLVED! Creative and Practical Strategies for the Classroom 2009 Summer Teachers Institute

Join National Park Service staff in an engaging week of getting behind the scenes at some of the most significant historic places in the country. Sessions will open the doors to the stories behind the scenery through lectures by noted historians, tours of rich museum and archeology collections, workshops on innovative teaching strategies developed by experienced educators and visits with characters from the 18th century.

Who: Teachers at all grade levels When: July 13-17 or July 20-24, 2009

Program offered is same each week; each class limited to 24 participants

Where: Each week, sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Friday are held at Valley Forge;

sessions on Wednesday and Thursday are held at Independence

Participants are responsible for getting to program location each day

Cost: \$100

All participants receive:

- Books and teaching resource materials.
- Behind the scenes looks at historic places and their collections.
- 35 hours of continuing education credits for Pennsylvania (Act 48) and New Jersey teachers.
- Interaction with historians Dr. Charlene Mires, Villanova University; Dr. Daniel Richter, University of Pennsylvania; educator Dr. Dennis Denenberg, retired, Millersville University; curators and archeologists of the National Park Service; actors and historical interpreters

For applications, visit the For Teachers page at www.nps.gov/vafo or www.nps.gov/inde. Applications must be postmarked by **April 10, 2009**. Your \$100 payment will be requested later.

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