



Community Bulletin



Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Factor

On Saturday, May 3, 2008, visitors are invited to join the park's living history staff and volunteers of the 2nd U.S. Cavalry, Company H for special programs at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park's Bolivar Heights Battlefield/

In September 1862, Harpers Ferry's 14,000-man Union garrison found itself surrounded; surrender was imminent. Cavalry commander Colonel Benjamin F. "Grimes" Davis deemed an escape from the Confederate trap worth a try. On the evening of September 14, Davis, led 1,500 men across the

Potomac River pontoon bridge and then toward Sharpsburg, Maryland. They escaped Stonewall Jackson's siege and capture of the hapless union garrison. The cavalry column pressed on undetected toward Sharpsburg and captured a 91-wagon Confederate ammunition train near Williamsport and eventually reached safety in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, on the morning of September 15. The column rode 50 miles in 12 hours.

Visitors are invited to see historic weapons and cavalry demonstrations at 12, 2 and 3 p.m. at the Bolivar Heights

Battlefield. Park shuttle buses will run from the Visitor Center at Cavalier Heights to the Bolivar Heights Battlefield from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Update on Gypsy Moth Spraying

The NPS Regional Director has approved this year's environmental assessment for the suppression of gypsy moth. Summit Helicopters, Cloverdale, VA, has been selected as the contractor. USDA Forest Service personnel have been in the park to assess conditions and possible timing of the aerial treatments. If environmental conditions are favorable, suppression of gypsy moth may begin as early as May 2.

Gypsy moth larvae are hatching and leaf expansion will probably reach optimal conditions soon. The main variable at this time is the weather. The staging area and landing zone will be Bolivar Heights or the Murphy Farm. Signs have been installed at trail heads on Maryland and Loudoun Heights and Short Hill.

Call Bill Hebb, Natural Resource Specialist, at 304 535-6038 if you have any questions.



A Look Ahead: Programs in the Park

MAY

May 17 How Does Your Garden Grow? What are kitchen gardens & heirloom vegetables and how do they differ from today's gardens? Join Master Gardener Carol Anderson for a hands-on demonstration and examination of 19th century garden tools and heirloom garden plants at the park's Armory Paymaster Garden.

May 24-25 Defend and Protect: Arming the American Soldier Special exhibits and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration.

JUNE

June 7 National Trails Day Join Harpers Ferry Park and partners for our annual National Trails Day events, America's largest annual single-day trails and outdoor celebration.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

June 14-15 Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862 Artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson's capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Visitors are invited to witness the power of artillery that sealed the fate of the federal soldiers. Programs at 12, 2 and 3 pm. Bolivar Heights Battlefield.

June 21 U. S. Navy Band "Country Current" will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

June 21-22 Workshop from 10 to 4 pm The Art of the Forge: Blacksmithing in the 19th Century Learn the stock and trade of the early town's craftsmen who took great pride in leaving their mark in the town's industrial history story. Instructor: Professional Blacksmith, David Dufficy. Workshop registration is limited to 6 students. Cost of \$100 covers instruction, coal, and metal. To register, contact the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

June 28, 2008 - 6:00 p.m. The Seventh Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards & Concert with Jimmy Cobb, Jymie Merritt & the Howard Burns Quartet on the grounds of Mather Training Center.

June 28-29 Workshop from 10-4 pm History 3-D: Harpers Ferry in Depth Join instructors to make your own Civil War era wooden stereopticon 3-D viewer. Workshop registration is limited to 15 students. Cost is \$35.00 per stereopticon kit. Children under 16 must be with a registered parent. Cost covers instruction and stereo viewer and photos. To register, call the living history offices at 304-535-6063.

JULY

July 5 America's Picnic: Celebrating The Glorious Fourth A special living history program on how the 4th was celebrated in America. Experience the

patriotic passion of a traditional hometown band concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band.

Workshop from 2-4 pm July 6 Ices, Creamed Ice, and Custards Ice Cream Making and Molding Workshop at Roeder's Confectionery. Observers welcomed. Call the living history offices at 304-535-6063 to register. Workshop limited to 20 people: 16 yrs or older \$5.00. Under 16 free with paying adults.

July 12 Supplied for Survival: Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry Visitors are invited to follow in the footsteps of Lewis as he prepared for his transcontinental expedition. Enjoy special exhibits and tours, family and youth activities.

HFC Products Are Recognized With Awards

Four Harpers Ferry Center media products have been selected for 2008 Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Awards by the National Association of Government Communicators. These include:

National Park System Map (Tom Patterson and Nancy Haack, Individual Map Category)

Ribbon of Sand park film (John Grabowska and Steve Ruth, Documentary Category)

HFC onMedia (Dave Gilbert and Bob Clark, E-Newsletter Category).

Measure Twice, Dig Once: How to Install a Wayside Exhibit video (Bob Clark, Eric Epstein, Winnie Frost, Michele Hartley, Amber Perkins, and Mark Southern, Instructional Training Category).