

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground



July 2008

It's Extreme! On the Journey with Middle School Campers

It has been quite a busy summer for students participating in the Partnership's *Extreme Journey* Middle School Camp in Loudoun, Albemarle and Adams County! The two-week program, presented by the Partnership and local school systems, created extreme day trips with cutting-edge technology that allowed each camper to step into the boots of leaders who made American history, while hiking, biking and paddling with historians from Gettysburg National Military Park to James Monroe's Ash Lawn-Highland along the Journey. *Extreme* campers used video iPods and digital cameras to chronicle their experience and create documentary-style "vodcasts", which have been premeired at special closing events in each county.

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So what did campers think of the experience?

"There's a lot more to history than what you're taught in school," said Christian Valli, of the Gettysburg *Extreme*. "I can't believe what I learned here and not learned anything about in school."

"It was really fun to learn about all these different things I learned in my classes, but it extended it even further," said D'Marco McElhinney, a rising sixth-grader in the Loudoun program.

"We've learned how we can be leaders when we grow up, like leaders in the past. We can be a George Washington, a James Monroe or a Clara Barton if we want to," said Andrew Dalton, a sixth-grader in the Gettysburg camp.

Read more about the program's exciting highlights from reporters who joined the students on their journey:

[Summer Camp on the Move](#), The Evening Sun

[Gettysburg District Students Learn History of the 'Hallowed Ground'](#), Gettysburg Times

[Campers Journey Through History](#), Loudoun Times-Mirror

And visit the [Education](#) section of our website for more information on the camps and other upcoming programs.



Special Book Signings at Graffiti House with National Geographic's Kenneth Garrett *Journey Through Hallowed: Birthplace of the American Ideal*



On Saturday, August 23, from 2-4 p.m., join the JTHG Partnership and Kenneth Garrett for a book signing and remarks on the National Geographic Society's *Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal*.

Taste the Journey—sample Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery's Journey Through Hallowed Ground and Graffiti House private labels.

Enjoy Ken Garrett's stunning photos at home—limited edition prints will be available for sale and signature.

The event is generously hosted by Graffiti House. Kindly RSVP to jaime@jthg.org.

Graffiti House
19484 Brandy Road
Brandy Station, VA 22714

Save the Date! September 16 National Geographic Society and JTHG Special Book Event

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. Join the JTHG Partnership and National Geographic Society for a panel discussion and star-studded reading of passages from *Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal* at the National Geographic Society's headquarters in Washington, DC. Stay tuned—more details to follow!

Straban Township Approves Resolution to participate in JTHG

We are thrilled to announce that Straban Township's Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to join the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership with a unanimous vote during their July 7 meeting. We welcome their participation and look forward to supporting their efforts to raise awareness of the rich history of Straban Township and Adams County through the JTHG Partnership's awareness and educational initiatives.

A Personal Journey to *Where America Happened*



We recently received contact at the JTHG offices from Frances Wentz Taber, a woman who, with her husband, set out to explore the entire JTHG region in short day-trips. We asked the Tabers to share their adventures with our readers in the form of a travelogue. Here are the highlights of their journey.

My husband, Bo, and I relocated to Staunton, VA, from Amelia Island, FL, just over a year ago. At his age of ninety and mine of sixty-seven, we had the typical goal of down-sizing – but, also, that of embarking on a new adventure.

After making our new home at Staunton, we set out to explore the entire Commonwealth of Virginia – starting with The Shenandoah and moving next to the Journey Through Hallowed Ground. We have already covered most of the territory, as you will see on our map (below). We have traveled along the Journey's core, Route 15, and between the Blue Ridge on the West and I-95 on the East. Our next goal is to cover the remainder of the Journey – the

northernmost section of Virginia and the sections of Maryland and Pennsylvania. And we have been able to achieve all of this in bite-sized and digestible pieces. Our individual journeys have been of two to three hundred miles each, with ten to eleven hour day-trips. Each trip is relaxed, manageable and principally within daylight. [Read more!](#)

Would you like to share a fantastic story from your JTHG travels? Do you have a great idea for a future article? Send your story ideas to lauren@jthg.org for consideration.

An Intern on the Journey: Mallery Orrison

Mallery Orrison, a sophomore at Virginia Tech studying History and Political Science, contacted the JTHG offices in March to learn how she could get involved with the *Extreme Journey* Middle School camp and contribute to the Partnership's efforts. At the end of June, Mallery joined the JTHG Team as a summer intern. Her interest in the *Extreme* camp can be attributed to her passion for history and future aspirations to become a history teacher. She believes that knowledge of history can promote not only pride in one's home, but also diversity and knowledge of culture.



A life-long Loudoun County resident and graduate of Loudoun County High School, Mallery has a great love for the region. She takes great pride in the area that her ancestors called home for more than one hundred years. "I have enjoyed my internship thus far because I'm excited about what the Partnership is doing to promote education and tourism—and spending time with the *Extreme Journey* campers has been a fantastic experience," said Mallery. We are so pleased to have Mallery with us this summer! Her contributions will leave a lasting impression on both this summer's campers and the entire JTHG Team.

Are you interested in volunteering? Do you know someone who would make a great addition to our team? Find out more about [volunteer and intern opportunities](#) on our website!

Funding Opportunity

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation have announced the 2009 guidelines for the American Heritage Preservation Program. This new public-private partnership will fund the preservation of endangered and fragile art works, rare books, scientific specimens, and historical documents (photographs, maps, deeds, etc.) held in small and medium-sized museums, archives and libraries.

The purpose of the grants program is to raise awareness and fund the preservation of treasures that convey the essential character and experience of the United States. These artifacts can be of diverse origin, but should have significance in the heritage of the community in which they are now held.

All eligible institutions may apply for projects in the following areas: treatment of library, museum and archival collections; improvement of collections storage; and environmental improvement of collections.

For complete program information and eligibility guidelines, visit the [IMLS](#) website.

Awards are for up to \$3,000 each. Deadline: September 15, 2008.

Things to Do Along the Journey

MARYLAND

Confederate Occupation of Frederick at Monocacy: August 2-3 / 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In September of 1862, Confederate forces under General Robert E. Lee encamped at Monocacy Junction for a few days prior to fighting two battles in Western Maryland. Living history volunteers bring to life the events that occurred during this campaign through programs and firing demonstrations. There will also be a special interpretive program conducted by Park Ranger Tracy Shives about the mysteries that surround Special Order No. 191, which was found on the Best Farm. Free. Monocacy National Battlefield Visitors Center, 5201 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704. For more information, call 301.662.3515 or visit www.nps.gov/mono.



VIRGINIA

Civil War reenactors bring Montpelier's Encampment Tour to life: August 1-3



Historic reenactors depict the Virginia Guard, encamped at Montpelier. Photo courtesy of The Montpelier Foundation.

Approximately 50 Civil War reenactors will be camping at James Madison's Montpelier to participate in a number of drills and activities similar to the estimated 4,500 Confederate forces housed on the Montpelier grounds during the encampments of 1863-64. Witness these activities on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Jayne E. Blair, a Montpelier senior guide and author of two books on the Civil War, will lead an in-depth guided tour of the camp highlighting the history of the encampment and the individual troop experiences represented by the reenactors. \$14 adults and \$7 children (6-14 years). James Madison's Montpelier, 11407 Constitution Highway, Montpelier Station, VA 22957. For more information, call: 540. 672.2728, ext. 442 or visit www.montpelier.org.

"Hot Chef!" Cooking Competition at Brentmoor House: August 10 / 4-9 p.m.

Join 10 local chefs and 4 celebrity judges for a sizzling hot, hot, hot cooking competition at Brentmoor House. The tasty evening event benefits the Mosby Museum and Education Center. \$125 per person. Brentmoor House, 173 Main Street, Warrenton, VA. For more information, call 540.351.1600 or www.mosbymuseum.org.

In the News

See what others are saying about The Journey:

- [National Heritage Area Includes Array of Landmarks](#), Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
- [At Montpelier, Much to Celebrate](#), Piedmont Virginian
- [Journey Through Hallowed Ground: New Opportunities in Heritage Tourism](#), Virginia Explorer
- [Straban Joins Historical Tourism Partnership](#), Evening Sun
- [Oatlands Art Show Begins Monday](#), Leesburg Today
- [JTHG Hosts Historic Annual Partnership Meeting](#), National Heritage Area Alliance Update

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There are many methods of giving, including outright gift, bequests and gifts which return income to the donor and/or their spouse for life. Not only are your cash contributions a welcomed source of support, but there are other ways you can support the JTHG Partnership. For further information, please contact the JTHG offices at 540.882.4929.

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Join the Partnership

None of the work we do would be possible, except for the belief you have in the importance of sustaining the heritage and environment within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground. Kindly consider offering [a donation](#) to continue this invaluable work.

Enjoy the Journey! Get out and have some fun!

Our goal is to encourage everyone to Take the Journey™ and to experience Where America Happened™ and continues to happen every day. Please remember to check the JTHG website: www.hallowedground.org for additional information. We hope you will also encourage others to do the same.

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The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership is a 501-c3 public-private partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the heritage and cultural resources along the US Route 15 corridor, often referred to as the Old Carolina Road, from Gettysburg, PA to Monticello, VA. This 175-mile historic corridor is 'Where America Happened' - a corridor that holds more American history than any other swath of land in the United States.