



E-News - April 11, 2023

Junior Ranger Day, April 22

Whether you're young or young at heart, you are invited to explore, learn, and protect on National Junior Ranger Day! Join us on April 22 for activities all day:

- Travel around the park to discover the things that park rangers do every day to share and protect Valley Forge National Historical Park. After you've discovered all the clues, return to the visitor center to show your work to a ranger and earn a special Junior Ranger pin and patch!
- Learn about revolutionary medicine, the experiences of camp followers, and work with traditional tools!
- Learn how to protect the natural resources in the park, or try your hands at being an archaeologist!



[See the Schedule for the Day](#)

Join Ranger Adam on One of Our Trail Walks, April 25 and June 6



Our trail walks have always been popular, but for two upcoming Tuesday walks we're adding a special guest: Park Ranger Adam Gresek!

Ranger Adam will join us on Tuesday, April 25 for an open Q&A session. Always had questions about the park or the National Park Service? Ranger Adam will be there to answer! He'll also join us on Tuesday, June 6 to talk about D-Day, since the walk falls on the anniversary of that historic day.

About Our Walks

We walk a few miles on a variety of trails. All ages and speeds. The walk is approximately one hour, typically with 10-20 walkers. (Please note: walks are cancelled for inclement weather.)

Dogs and strollers are welcome, but please note that dogs are not allowed on the Grand Parade Trail from April through September. To receive weekly email updates on Trail Tuesday & Sunday events (and our new series with the Chapel, below!), send an email to info@vfparkalliance.org and request to be added to the list.

New Walk Series with Washington Memorial Chapel Begins Saturday



Beginning Saturday, April 15, the Valley Forge Park Alliance and the Washington Memorial Chapel will be co-sponsoring walks in the park. Walks will start at 10:00 AM at the bell tower on the chapel's property and will proceed on one of the many trails in the park. Each walk will be approximately 2.5 miles, round trip. Since dogs are not permitted on the grassy trails from April through September, we ask that you leave your pooches at home for now.

The Chapel sits on route 23 in Valley Forge Historical Park. To receive weekly email updates on our walking events (whether Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays), send an email to info@vfparkalliance.org and request to be added to the list.

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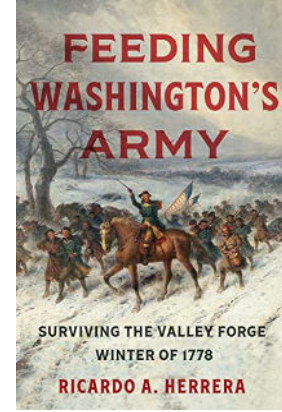
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Valley Forge Muster Roll Contributes to New Book

Ricardo A. Herrera, PhD. recently visited Valley Forge National Historical Park for a Valley Forge Park Alliance Speaker Series event to discuss his new book, *Feeding Washington's Army: Surviving the*

Valley Forge Winter of 1778. He mentioned that the Valley Forge Muster Roll website and database played a vital role in his research.

While searching for sources, useful websites, and other materials, Dr. Herrera came across the Muster Roll site. He had seen the Continental Army's line and block chart at the Valley Forge National Historical Park Visitor Center and wanted to create something similar for his students and instructors. The Muster Roll helped him with some of the details. As he began writing *Feeding Washington's Army*, he returned to the Muster Roll site several times to locate some of the soldiers involved in the foraging and confirm the names of soldiers he thought perhaps had been lost to history.



Dr. Herrera states, "The efforts put into it by the volunteers has helped me, and I'm sure others, in researching and writing about the Encampment. I could not have gone into the detail on Lee's troop, or other aspects, without the Muster Roll."

The Valley Forge Muster Roll team is proud to have played a part in helping Dr. Herrera with the research for his book. Whether it is helping you find your ancestor or conducting research, we can help. www.valleyforgemusterroll.org

Become a Member This Month for a Chance to Win an Outfit from Athleta!



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Become a Weed Warrior!



Join the Weed Warriors and assist Natural Resource Management protect and restore native plants, control invasive plants, and contribute to the overall health and biodiversity of the park!

Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks associated with vegetation management; specifically removing non-native, invasive vegetation (cutting and hand-pulling), preparing for and planting native species (raking thatch, collecting and spreading seed, planting plugs), and

protecting native vegetation from deer (installing fencing).

Interested in becoming a Weed Warrior? Here are the spring dates:

- Thursday, April 13, noon-3:00 PM
- Saturday, April 15, noon-3:00 PM (**waitlist only**)
- Wednesday, May 3, noon-3:00 PM
- Saturday, May 13, noon-3:00 PM
- Friday, June 9, 9:00 AM-noon (**waitlist only**)

The Warriors will also be meeting on Saturday, June 3 for National Trails Day (time TBD).

Email Kate Jensen at kate_jensen@nps.gov for more information or to join. Please note that volunteers under age 18 must participate with an adult.

If you are part of a group interested in volunteering, we may be able to schedule an additional date for your group event. Let Kate know if you are interested in this option as well!

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