

Reenactors Network

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THE RED COATS ARE COMING



Photography by: Lisa Miller

On the outskirts of Baltimore County Maryland sits a little village of houses and a newly restored mill. Guns are heard being fired in the distance as Continental and British troops march into battle. Each year Jerusalem Mills welcomes visitors and re-enactors alike to participate in this yearly event. While you are there you will walk into the well preserved building and fields to learn about 18th Century life through firing & marching demonstrations.

As you explore 18th Century life walking amongst the encampments of the Continental and British army you will also enjoy looking at the different wares that artisans of the time period will be selling. The little ones will also get on the action as they form in formation with wooden weapons and learn the basics of what it was like to be an 18th Century soldier.

<http://www.jerusalemill.org/>



Helpful Hints:

The following are four helpful hints from reenactors veterans to those who are new to the world of reenacting..

- 1.) Do your research on the time period you want to portray. *(The best resources to use include period journals, diaries, manuals and soldier memoirs.)*
- 2.) Ask a lot of Questions. *(Go to more than one event as a spectator before deciding to become a re-enactor. And when you do decide to join in on the fun keep asking questions where to buy and what not to buy.)*
- 3.) Don't buy equipment right away. *(The worst thing you can possibly do is buy the wrong equipment. You may be able to borrow some stuff at first than buy your own kit. Never buy any equipment from ebay! Ask Twice, Buy Once.)*
- 4.) Be Respectful & follow the Rules. *(Make sure you learn your units history and the proper terms to use. Don't do anything foolish during your first event, be safe and remember the weapons are real.)*

Above all things have fun and always remember to help the new guy.

CONTENT~ Being our second newsletter we hope to have a little more information on the events that are happening this fall that do not appear on our website. We hope that each installment will have more helpful information for all those who are interested in history.

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COMING THIS FALL

* Visit our website to learn more about these upcoming events.

September

Colonial Fair & Musket:
Conocogee Insitute (PA)
September 12 - 13, 2009

Colonial Plantation CW Weekend:
Media, PA
September 12-13,2009

Military Living History weekend:
Chadds Ford, PA
September 12-13,2009

Star-Spangled Banner Weekend:
Baltimore City, MD
September 12-13,2009

18th Century Craft Faire
Alexandria, VA
September 19 - 20, 2009

Battle of Stanardsville:
Ruckersville, VA
September 18 - 20, 2009

Market at Washingtonburg:
Carlisle, PA
September 18 - 20, 2009

North America War of 1812:
St. Leonard, MD
September 19,2009

Historic Soldiers Weekend:
Philadelphia, PA
September 26-27,2009

October

Battle of Cedar Creek:
Middletown, VA
October 17-18,2009

Locust Grove CW Reenactment:
Walkerton, VA
October 31-November 1,2009

November

Gettysburg Remembrance
Parade & Illumination:
Gettysburg, PA
November 21 - 22, 2009

Patriots Day at Brandywine:
Chadds Ford, PA
November 28, 2009



EXPLORING SOTTERLEY: *Nestled in a quiet county in Southern Maryland lies one of the oldest remanding Tidewater Plantations in America. Its history dates back to the early colonization of Maryland and way before Mt. Vernon or Monticello. Sotterley has some of its original buildings which include a slave cabin and beautifully preserved gardens.*

This fall is a perfect time to travel back in time to the early days of Maryland history and learn about the people who lived and worked over the centuries at Sotterley Plantation. <http://www.sotterley.org/>

Programs:

Archaeology at Sotterley Lecture
September 20, 2009 @ 3 PM

Riverside Winefest at Sotterley
October 3rd & 4th, 2009

Restoration of The White House
October 11, 2009 @ 3 PM

Ghosts of Sotterley Tours
October 15, 16 & 17th, 2009

A Civil War Lecture
November 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Legends and Lore Tours
November 13 & 14th