

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**Jamestown Residents Awarded Contract for Bandy Creek Stable and Camp Store Operations.** Bobby Gene & Gretta York of Jamestown were awarded a 10-year contract to run the Bandy Creek Stables and Camp Store. The Stables will continue to be open all year and the Camp Store will be open March through November annually. The Stables will include horse/llama/mule/donkey stall rentals and tie-out service. The Camp Store will offer limited retail items, picnic supplies, snacks, pre-packaged ice cream, beverages, firewood, ice, and trail/tack supplies for sale. Wi-Fi will be available in the Camp Store at no charge for the visitor.



Bandy Creek Stables and Camp Store opens this year under a new contract & will provide free Wi-Fi.

### Current Job Openings

#### Recreation Aid (Lifeguard),

GS-0189-2 Closes 1/24/2013 View announcement at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/viewDetails/334232600>

**Visitor Use Assistant (Fee Collection), GS-0303-4.** Closing dates 01/11/13. View announcement at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/PrintPreview/333795100>

**Park Guide, GS-0090-4. Closing 1/17/13.** View announcement at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/PrintPreview/333556000>

### Volunteers Always Welcome!

Volunteers not only care for our parks, they are rewarded in turn by getting to know the park's resources in a deep and meaningful way and meeting people from all different walks of life. If you are interested in volunteering at Obed or Big South Fork, please contact Effie Houston, Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 569-2404, extension 228.

**For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:**

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***"Listen my children and you shall hear" .... Great stories read by park rangers.*** Beginning Friday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m., and every Friday thereafter, the Obed Wild and Scenic River will be hosting a preschool story time at the park's Visitor Center in Wartburg, Tennessee. Parents are invited to bring their little ones for a half-hour of stories read by a National Park Service ranger followed by coloring, crafts or other activities."

**Artist Penny Otwell selected as first Artist in Residence.** Artists have had a long-standing impact on our national parks by translating the park's purpose, as a place of pleasure and preservation, into images which bring others enjoyment and a deeper understanding of the parks many Americans may never visit. Visual artists like Thomas Moran focused attention on natural wonders and aided in the establishment of many of our national parks.

Otwell arrives on February 19th and will offer open studio hours to share her love of painting with us. Her palette knife painting style of thick paint and use of color is what collectors say they like best about her work. Otwell said she can't wait to capture our Hemlock Stands, free flowing rivers, and arches on canvas. For more, visit [www.pennyotwell.com](http://www.pennyotwell.com)