



Volunteers of the Month

Natural Resources Interns



Aaron Ladd conducting water quality tests (NPS Photo)

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to recognize the three fantastic Natural Resources interns, Aaron Ladd, Seth Morphis and Tom Linder, as September's Volunteers of the Month.

All three individuals are from Shepherd University and are Environmental Studies Majors. The interns contributed significantly to the park with a combined total of over 1,200 hours this summer. They have assisted in a variety of resource tasks that include integrated pest management, plant management wildlife management and water quality. Their work has taken them to the far corners of the park from Flowing Springs School House Ridge South in West Virginia to Short Hill, the eastern most tract in the park in Virginia. They have each had to undertake individual project for their Environmental Studies coursework such as monitoring water quality to test the effects of discharge from the local sewage plant, the consequences of Borers affecting ash trees in the park, and the impact of white-tailed deer on local vegetation.

Their most life-saving project was rescuing fish from several floods that occurred this summer due to rescinding waters near Virginus Island and the Cotton Mill. In all they have rescued over 100 fish weighing over 450 lbs total. Their work has had them travel to other parks and work with other NPS personnel at Monocacy, Catocin, Antietam, and C&O Canal. They have completed training in First Aid, GPS, and Water Quality certification. Aaron, Seth, and Tom have demonstrated a solid work ethic combined with a great attitude throughout their time at Harpers Ferry.



Seth Morphis rescuing carp near Virginus Island (NPS Photo)



Tom Linder rescuing a carp from rescinding flood waters in the Cotton Mill (NPS Photo)



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If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering at Harpers Ferry Park, please contact the park's volunteer coordinator at the address or phone number listed below. Volunteer today and give back!

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