



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Petersburg
National Battlefield

1539 Hickory Hill Road
Petersburg, VA 23803

(804) 732-3531 phone
(804) 732-0835 fax

Petersburg National Battlefield News Release

Release Date: For Immediate Release

Contact(s): Ann Blumenschine

Phone Number: (804) 732-3531 ext. 203

Date: April 29, 2011

Petersburg National Battlefield Seeks Volunteers to Assist Archaeologists in Hopewell

PETERSBURG, Va – Petersburg National Battlefield is seeking volunteers who are interested in assisting with archaeological test excavations at the General Grant’s Headquarters Unit in Hopewell. The project will occur from May 19 – 24 with volunteers, ages 15 and older, having the opportunity to dig with shovels and trowels, screen the dirt, work with GPS and surveying equipment, and perform ground penetrating radar. Each volunteer will be requested to work at least two 6-8 hour days. Space is limited to ten volunteers per day.

Participants will be able to learn from National Park Service Archaeologist Julia Steele and Historian Jimmy Blankenship about the 12,000 years of prehistory and history located at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers. Volunteers are encouraged to bring lunch and snacks. Equipment and other supplies will be provided. The General Grant’s Headquarters Unit is located at 1001 Pecan Avenue in Hopewell. Those interested should contact Archaeologist Julia Steele at (804) 732-0171 ext. 304 to sign up.

Petersburg National Battlefield was created in order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865. The park staff is committed to preserving and protecting the historical, cultural, and natural resources within the park in a manner that will provide interpretation,

[More](#)

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

education, and enjoyment for the visitors. Park Visitor Centers, located in Petersburg, Hopewell, and Dinwiddie County are each open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The fee to enter the park is \$5 per vehicle, however the Petersburg National Battlefield annual pass and federal recreation passes are also honored. For more information about events at Petersburg National Battlefield, you can become a fan on our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @PetersburgNPS.

###