



Wilderness Inquiry

DATE: October 1, 2019

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Hundreds of students benefit from two days of floating classroom activities on the Appomattox River – Wednesday is Community Day

WHAT: The Canoemobile, a van with six 24' Voyageur canoes and a crew of outdoor educators, will engage about 300 4th grade students from Hopewell who will paddle the Appomattox River and participate in activity stations to learn about science, history, and culture. The media is invited to the schedule of events. Partners have come together for the seventh year in a row to sponsor the "Canoemobile" program from the Minnesota-based organization, Wilderness Inquiry. Wilderness Inquiry is a non-profit organization that connects people to the natural world through shared outdoor experiences. In addition to instruction in canoeing and water safety, partners listed below will engage students in hands-on activities to learn about the region's cultural and ecological heritage, including the historic significance of Petersburg National Battlefield.

WHEN:	Tuesday, October 8, 2019	
	9:00 – 11:30 PM	Dupont Elementary School
	12:00 – 2:30 PM	Harry E James Elementary School
	Wednesday, October 9, 2019	
	9:30 – 12:00 PM	Patrick Copeland Elementary School
	Wednesday, October 9, 2019	
	4:00 PM to 6:30 PM	FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WHERE: City Point Park, 205 Appomattox Street, Hopewell, VA 23680

WHO: National Parks Conservation Association
Petersburg National Battlefield
Friends of the Lower Appomattox River
Wilderness Inquiry
Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
Virginia American Water.

National Parks Conservation Association Since 1919, the nonpartisan National Parks Conservation Association has been the leading voice in safeguarding our national parks. NPCA and its more than 1.3 million members and supporters work together to protect and preserve our nation's natural, historic, and cultural heritage for future generations. For more information, visit www.npca.org. National Parks Conservation Association works to encourage people to become advocates to connect, protect and restore our national parks. Participating in these hands-on park activities, with the help of our many partner groups, will help inspire and engage the next generation of park supporters.

Petersburg National Battlefield The longest siege of an American city began around Petersburg in June 1864 and ended on April 2, 1865 with the evacuation of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Today the battlefield consists of thousands of acres spread across more than 33 miles and includes three visitor centers, for more information, visit www.nps.gov/pete

Wilderness Inquiry Since 1978, Wilderness Inquiry has provided outdoor recreation and education for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities throughout North America and around the globe. The Canoemobile is a program of Wilderness Inquiry that works with federal, state, and local governments, school districts, and nonprofit organizations to connect underserved populations to public lands and waterways through introductory outdoor experiences. For more information visit, www.wildernessinquiry.org/canoemobile.

Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) The only organization in the Tri-Cities and surrounding counties dedicated to conserving and protecting the natural, cultural and recreational resources along the Lower Appomattox River. FOLAR has served the region as a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization since 2001 working to develop river stewardship, improve parks, establish trails, increase river access, and protect special places. Additional information can be found on the FOLAR website, www.folar-va.org.

Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Responsible for the management of inland fisheries, wildlife, and recreational boating for the Commonwealth of Virginia, VDGIF also provides educational outreach programs and materials that foster an awareness of and appreciation for Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, their habitats, and hunting, fishing, and boating opportunities. For more information visit, www.dgif.virginia.gov/

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Caption: Students experience the Appomattox River during Canoemobile. Photo by: Ken Newman