

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR

**CLAUDE MOORE HISTORIC PARK AND THE LOUDOUN  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION PRESENT:**

**“THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER’S LIFE”**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**ADMISSION: \$5.00 for Children 5 and Up (Adults, kids under 5 FREE)**

With the 150<sup>th</sup> of the Civil War just around the corner, The Loudoun Archaeological Foundation (Dr. David T. Clark) and Claude Moore Historic Park, join forces to present an exciting historical and educational event. Bring the family and visit 9 stations in the park to learn about the life of the Civil War soldier. Look at artifacts archaeologists have found at Civil War encampment/fort sites and discover what they tell us about a soldier’s life. See and hear “interpreters” tell tales of civil war life and match artifacts with real or replicated equipment. Learn about the soldier’s camp life, their arms/equipment, what they ate and much more. Most stations have take-home items for kids and kids can collect pieces of a secret civil war puzzle. ***So, Return with us to those thrilling days of yesteryear...***

**Activities and Exhibits**

1. **Enlistment Station**: Sign-up/muster/inspection. Kids will “enlist” and receive a home-made haversack to collect things at stations along the way.
2. **Uniform/Military Equipment Station**: See interpreters wearing/showing a variety of Civil War uniforms/equipment. (**Artifacts**: see dozens of different archaeological items from uniforms and equipment).
3. **Medical/“Saw-Bones” Station**: Learn all about Civil War medicine, medical treatment and medical kits/supplies. (**Artifacts**: kits/surgical tools, medicinal bottles, ointment pots, and more).
4. **Signal Flag Station**: Discover the Signal Corps; Kids practice signal drills. Learn about signal codes used at Guilford Station atop Claude Moore Park.
5. **Weapons Station**: See a variety of rifles and pistols (**Artifacts**: Minie Balls, “cleaner” rounds, rifle parts and other weaponry artifacts).
6. **Civil War Music Station**: Enjoy live period music throughout the day.
7. **Foodways Station**: What’s cookin’ for the soldiers? Discover common camp foods. Hardtack? Kids will take a sample home with a recipe. Check-out the field-kitchen equipment. (**Artifacts**: food bone, utensils, crate nails and other foodways artifacts).
8. **Artillery Station**: Hear about Civil War artillery; Kids conduct artillery drills. (**Artifacts**: Cannonballs, mortar rounds, shot and equipment).
9. **Tent-Life Station**: Discover a soldier’s life around the “Dog” Tent: Resting, eating, drinking. (**Artifacts**: mess equipment, games, drinking container fragments, smoking pipes).

The program will include book signings by Steve Meserve, author of *The Civil War in Loudoun County, Virginia* and Jim Morgan, author of *Battle of Ball's Bluff*, as well as a table with books and articles about common and rare Civil War collectables.

**PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP:**

The following organizations are contributing to the “Civil War Soldier” program:

- Loudoun Archaeological Foundation
- Claude Moore Park, Loudoun County Parks Recreation and Community Services
- Friends of Claude Moore Park
- Ottery Group, Inc., Archaeological Consultants.
- Fairfax Park Authority, Cultural Resource Section
- Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhode Island, Company F (Civil War Re-enactors)