

Updates on Teacher-Ranger-Teacher, Signage, and MOU

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Teacher-Ranger-Teacher: we recently heard that we've received NPS Teacher-Ranger-Teacher funding for a teacher in Virginia to assist NPS this summer with 1) planning for the summer 2013 1812-related Teacher's Institute at Montpelier's Center for the Constitution, 2) inventorying teaching materials relative to Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, and 3) identifying/ inventorying 1812-related teaching materials for Virginia teachers.

Do you or does Delegate Peace have teachers in mind for this position? Do you have education goals identified that this teacher could help you achieve?

Signage: We have been identifying site-level content for orientation kiosks at Kinsale, GW Birthplace, Westmoreland SP, Mason Neck SP, Leesylvania SP, and Alexandria. The 3 state parks will install the three-sided orientation kiosks with generic orientation panels this spring; a site-specific panel will replace one of the 3 generic panels in the fall. I will be reaching out to site partners shortly for input on content.

The Commission's signage committee asked in December about cost estimates for signage developed to date along the Star-Spangled Banner Trail -- see attached.

NPS-VA MOU: An MOU (draft attached) is being signed between NPS and VA DCR for Star-Spangled Banner Trail signage (relative to maintenance of signs at the 3 state parks listed above). This MOU may suffice for the purposes of VA 1812 Heritage Trail/ NPS Star-Spangled Banner Trail collaboration, unless the Commission and VA DHR see added benefit to having a separate MOU relative to the integrated development of our two trails.