Dear Summer Institute Participants,

Welcome to the 2012 Summer Institute for Teachers, “Freedom Rising, 1862: The Second Year of Civil War,” a partnership with American Public University and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. We in the Park’s Office of Education are looking forward to this institute as an exciting opportunity to explore this important time period in United States history. During this year’s Institute, we’ll be looking at 1862, perhaps the most crucial year in our Civil War. To complement what you’ll be doing in your APUS course, we’ll be taking you on a number of field trips, to visit the battlefields of the 1862 Maryland Campaign, and introducing you to a variety of hands-on methods and activities which we use here when school and teachers’ groups visit Harpers Ferry.

If you have any questions about the institute, or if for any reason your plans change and you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact either of us at the phone numbers or e-mail addresses indicated below.

Here is a little more information to get you started.

1. **Day #1 – Friday, August 10, 2012:**
   - **Morning session:**
     - Time: 8:30 AM
     - Location: Freewill Baptist Church (the Church is #9 on the attached)
     - The Institute will be held in the Conference Room located in the basement of the Church. Look for signs.

2. **Parking:** You may park in the parking lot located off of Fillmore Street.

3. **Outdoor activities:** We will be outside quite a bit. On Friday, August 10th, we’ll go over the workshop schedule so that you can plan accordingly. Pay close attention to weather forecasts; we’ll go outside except in severe weather. Bring bottled water with you for our ventures; there are usually fountains/ sinks available to refill. Don’t forget a hat and comfortable shoes. Remember to bring cameras to record your visit. Gnats seem to love Harpers Ferry as much as humans do, so be prepared.

4. **Lunches:** You will either have to purchase your own lunch or pack a lunch each day. There are many places in the area to purchase lunch if you so choose.

5. **Although there is no charge for the onsite workshop at Harpers Ferry NHP, teachers will be responsible for their own lodging, meals, and travel.** Institute staff can assist participants in locating lodging locally.

Sincerely,

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