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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Summer Institute Participants,

Welcome to the 2011 Summer Institute for Teachers, *“War Comes to Harpers Ferry: 1861”* a partnership with American Public University and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. I am looking forward to this institute as an exciting opportunity to explore this important time period in United States history. We will be discussing the events leading up to the Civil War and will be using the park itself as a teaching tool that you can use to bring history back to your students. We will also look at ways to incorporate objects and primary source documents into your teaching. You will have opportunities to share ideas and resources with each other.

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 me at 304-535-6293 or [Amber\\_Kraft@nps.gov](mailto:Amber_Kraft@nps.gov).

Here is a little more information to get you started.

1. **Day #1 – Saturday, July 23, 2011:**

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 as much as possible. On Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll go over the workshop schedule so that you can plan accordingly. Pay close attention to weather forecasts – we will go outside except in severe weather. Bring bottled water with you for our ventures – there are 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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