

Friends of Fort McHenry 2017 Partner Benefits



The Friends of Fort McHenry is the primary supporting partner for Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine and a program of the Living Classrooms Foundation. Our mission is to support the development and implementation of educational programming and living history activities and the creation of interpretive exhibits and visitor facilities that best engender the widest possible understanding and appreciation of Fort McHenry and the enduring legacy and promise of "The Star-Spangled Banner."



Programming.

Education. We provide year-round innovative educational experiences onsite and online and make it possible for thousands of schoolchildren to visit the Fort. It is our goal to have every Baltimore City student visit the Fort at least once during his or her school career to learn about the War of 1812, the defense of Baltimore, the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," maritime history, African-American experiences during the War of 1812, and how these important moments impact their lives today.

Youth Employment. In partnership with the National Park Service, the Fort McHenry Youth Corps provides employment opportunities for students, ages 15-25, particularly diverse urban youth. Students are trained to perform historic interpretation at Fort McHenry and at sites on the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.

Events.

- ★Fort! Flag! Freedom! Each summer, youth from area colleges and high schools present "hands on history" to visitors who will experience hoisting the grand Star-Spangled Banner flag, watch a muster demonstration, hear the Fife & Drums, and learn about life in the early 1800s.
- ★Tattoo ceremonies, our annual Fort McHenry Crab Feast and much more!
- ★Defenders' Day Weekend brings thousands of visitors to Fort McHenry for musical performances, flag talks, living historians, demonstrations, and fireworks. As part of the festivities, the Friends host its Star-Spangled Spectacular reception and presentation of the Francis Scott Key Award. This annual fundraising event includes delicious food and drink provided by Atlantic Catering with additional support from Select Event Group.



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- ★ Logo on any Friends' produced collateral and Enewsletters
- ★ Acknowledgment announcement during select Defenders' Day Weekend public events
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Fort McHenry Crab Feast

July 29 / 4-8pm

Enjoy delicious BBQ fare and desserts prepared by Absolutely Perfect Catering to go along with MARYLAND CRABS at our fourth annual Crab Feast on the grounds of Fort McHenry. Enjoy libations and jam along with the lively tunes of the Eastport Oyster Boys...all in the shadow of the historic Star Fort.

"Star-Spangled Banner - Defenders' Day Weekend"

September 9 and 10

Experience the premiere event held at Fort McHenry which commemorates the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the successful defense of Fort McHenry from British invasion during the War of 1812. For 2017, "A New Defenders' Day" will connect Fort McHenry's service as a hospital beginning in 1917 to the national World War I Centennial commemorations, and to medical history and veterans' communities. The weekend will include a full roster of activities, including a community parade featuring World War I living history interpreters marching with the Fort McHenry Guard, flag raisings, fireworks, period music performed by WWI themed bands, cannon demonstrations, and presentations by rangers and living history interpreters.

Friends of Fort McHenry Spectacular Reception

September 9 / 5:30-9:30pm

Join us for the Friends of Fort McHenry Spectacular Reception outside the Star Fort for a special feast featuring mouth-watering fare, signature beverages and luscious desserts. Enjoy food and drink provided by Atlantic Catering. Wander in and out of the tent area to watch the star-studded patriotic concert and the National Park Service's ceremony honoring the Defenders of Fort McHenry, past and present. Cap the night off with an extraordinary firework display over Fort McHenry in celebration of the anniversary of the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

More Events at Fort McHenry!

Summer 2017

Experience Fort! Flag! Freedom! Our living history demonstrations by youth corps (Wednesdays-Sundays June-August); Daily Ranger Talks all summer. Special Talks on Memorial Day (May 29) and 4th of July! See visiting Living History demonstrations during Civil War Weekend (June 24-25); U.S. Army Old Guard Tattoo Ceremony (July 8) and U.S. Navy Tattoo Ceremony (August 5).

Dates subject to change

We hope that you will consider partnering with us in 2017 and beyond —all contributions help support the Fort!

For more information, please contact Lisa Hansen at 410 962-4290 x850 or lhansen@friendsoffortmchenry.org.

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