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Staunton River Battlefield “Halloween Spooktacular” Event

Saturday, October 15 welcomes the tenth anniversary of the Historic Staunton River Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park’s keynote fall event – the Halloween Spooktacular. The Halloween Spooktacular is a day filled with Halloween and Autumn Activities. Beginning with the Pirate Adventures for children 0-12, $3/child from 2:00-4:00PM; the highly anticipated Haunted Hayride, beginning at 7:00PM, is intended for the entire family where they will encounter Mrs. McPhail’s Tales of ghostly legend and humor, and costs $5/person; the Haunted Trail for intended for brave souls ages 13 and up and begins at 7:00PM with a cost of $5/person; This event is intended for the entire family and visitors are welcome to attend this highly acclaimed and anticipated Halloween event at the Clover Visitors Center. Concessions, offered by the Sappony Indian Nation, will be available for purchase near the Picnic Shelter throughout the event.

We are thankful to our volunteers and donors who make this event possible. Many hours of hard-work, devotion, and preparation have gone into this event.

Pirate Adventures! begin Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2:00-4:00PM at the Clover Visitors Center. It will be an afternoon of “pirate fun” for children ages 0-12 and their families! Children will be able to take part in a Pirate Treasure Hunt, and other pirate-themed games while enjoying prizes and refreshments. Costumes are welcome, but are not required. The fee is $3/child.

The Haunted Trail will open at 7:00PM on Saturday, Oct. 15. The ghouls and psychos will aim to startle and terrify all who dare to enter the woods of the nature trail that night! There is no telling what nightmarish specters await you around the next corner or are lurking amid the trees of the dark forest. For $5 per person, you can test your bravery on the Haunted Trail. The trail is rated PG-13.

The Haunted Harvest Hayride, a 70-minute ghost walk/hayride, intended for the entire family, will begin sharply at 7:00PM and tours will commence approximately every 20-25 minutes from the Clover Visitors Center. Tickets for the Hayride are available on a “first come, first serve basis,” so we advise that you arrive early to purchase your tickets or phone the Park office at 434.454.4312 to reserve and pay for your spaces before the event. In keeping with a Civil War themed storyline, this year’s ghost walk/hayride is packed with more unique, chilling, spookier, and somewhat comical scenes! This year’s story is entitled, “Mrs. McPhail’s Tales,” and it centers with Mrs. McPhail of Mulberry Hill as your tour guide on the onset of the Battle for Staunton River Bridge. You will join her, her family, her friends, and a band of Civil War soldiers as they attempt to deliver you safe and sound to her home, but along the way you will meet ghosts and phantoms based on real local legends and myths that will startle, surprise, and even test your belief of the “lives on the other side.”

Please wear weather appropriate clothing, comfortable shows, and we encourage you to bring a flashlight for this event. Experienced guides, tiki-torches, and a couple of spooks and specters encountered along the way will direct you on the path.

The admission rates charged for this event go to the continued promotion, development, and preservation of Southside Virginia’s premier Civil War Battlefield and beautiful State Park. The admission rate for this event has remained unchanged for ten years! We are pleased to continue to offer this fun-filled family event for the bargain rate of $5/person, children under 5 are admitted for free. There is no rain date for this event. If you have a group of 10 or more, please phone 434.454.6219 or email info@stauntonriverbattlefield.org for more information on group rates/discounts.

Please come out and visit your local State Park for a night of fun and fright on Saturday, October 15 for the Halloween Spooktacular. For more information on this and other events, please visit our website at www.stauntonriverbattlefield.org, phone 434.454.4312, 434.454.6219, or email info@stauntonriverbattlefield.org. There is no rain date for this event.