

Letter of Instruction
2012 John Jaeger Memorial School of the Ranger

What: The 2012 School of the Ranger (SOR).

When: 1200 27 Jan – 1200 29 Jan 2012 (Participants may arrive anytime on the morning of 27 Jan).

Where: Fort Frederick, MD.

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about life as an 18th c. Ranger and the skills they required.

Billeting: Participants will occupy the bunks in the Fort barracks. As an option, participants may stay in a tent within the Fort walls. Note that participants will be expected to maintain an 18th c. persona throughout the weekend. That means that you will be expected to dress out in 18th c. clothing appropriate for the season throughout the weekend. Bring your bedroll and other accoutrements for 18th c. living. Our source of heat will be the fireplaces inside the barracks, so dress accordingly. You are encouraged to bring any 18th c. games, cards, dice, etc., to play during the evening, just as the Rangers of 18th c. would have done.

Food: Friends of Ft Frederick (FOFF) will provide the following meals – Friday dinner, all Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast. All meals will be served in the Visitor Center. FOFF will provide paper plates and plastic ware for the meals. You should bring your mug/tankard for drinks.

Activities: We will conduct all classes in the Visitor Center, with some possible outdoor segments. We will conduct a live fire range on Sunday. Bring your cartridges or patch and ball for the target shoot. NOTE: We must strictly follow the MARYLAND PARK SERVICE STANDARDS FOR HISTORIC WEAPONS USE Revised, July 2011 (http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/pdfs/hw_standardsJuly2011.pdf). Those standards prohibit the construction of live rounds on state park property. All cartridges must be pre-rolled, marked and stored accordingly, or you must use patch and ball. All flintlocks must have a frizzen cover and a flash guard while shooting on the range. Our goal is to emulate life as they knew it in the 1750's era. NO MODERN WEAPONS permitted on the range.

Vehicles and Parking: We will not permit any vehicle inside the fort gate. Parking is located by the Visitor Center. You may offload your gear at the circular driveway near the front of the Fort, then park in the Visitor Center parking lot. FOFF and/or the Park will provide some wagons for assisting your loading and unloading of gear and transport to the barracks.