

The Casemates

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Fort Adams Trust

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Fort Adams Trust is to direct and support the stabilization, restoration, maintenance and operation of Fort Adams as a public historic site.

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Youth Overnight Barracks Nearing Completion

2007 will see a major step forward in the restoration and reuse of the interior of Fort Adams. Late May is the target date for opening the Youth Overnight Barracks in four bays of the former Officers Quarters. This new facility will be capable of accommodating up to forty young people in two separate bunk



rooms, plus adult chaperones in a separate set of quarters. In addition, there will be a common room with a working

period wood burning stove and some modern kitchen amenities, plus four bathrooms that can do double duty when the Trust sponsors events on the Parade Field. In preparation for this new facility, the Trust has been hosting meetings with potential users of the barracks, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Cadets, Newport YMCA and Boys and Girls Clubs, and the sail training ship *Brandaris*, to find out what the Trust can do to attract groups. One suggestion was to provide programming, which has resulted in a partnership with Eastern Mountain Sports for 2007 to offer several activities, including kayaking, geocaching, and team building.

The Barracks project also includes a major utilities upgrade for the Fort, one result of which will be the installation of reproduction cast iron



lamp posts around the Parade Field and between the East Gate and the parking lot. The lighting will create a much friendlier and safer environment for evening events at the Fort and, we hope, make it easier for visitors to appreciate the enormous potential that exists at Fort Adams.

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Special points of interest:

- **Fort Adams Trust Annual Meeting is on Friday, May 11th from 5:30-7:30pm in the USTA Wing of the International Tennis Hall of Fame**
- Members get a 10% discount in the Fort Adams Gift Shop, located in the Visitor's Center of Fort Adams State Park.
- Saturday, May 19th Fort Adams Reopens for Guided Tours!
- Family Day is back and bigger than ever. June 9 from 11am to 4pm.

Volunteer Thank You and Recruitment Reception

The Fort Adams Trust has long benefited from the generosity and enthusiasm of its members and community. Whether it is by assisting with our annual fundraisers, volunteering for special events or simply getting the word out about what we do, the support the Trust receives is invaluable.

On Friday, June 1 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the Fort Adams Trust will be hosting its volunteers and members to show our appreciation for their time, energy and devotion to Fort Adams. This informal reception is designed for anyone who is interested in learning more about the

Fort Adams Trust and may be interested in our many volunteer opportunities. The 2007 calendar is filled with activities, all of which require the help of our dedicated volunteers. All are welcome, refreshments and beverages will be served.

RSVP (401) 841-0707.

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Membership Benefits

- Free unlimited general admission for one year
- 10% discount on all products at the Gift Shop
- Free subscription to the Fort Adams Newsletter
- Invitation/discounts to special events
- A tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law

Members of the Garrison: four guest passes & History of Fort Adams.

Captains of the Garrison: all benefits plus print of Fort Commanders of Fort: all benefits plus two tickets to Newport Arts festival

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Family/Household \$50

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Commanding General of the

Fort \$1,000

Family Day 2006

Fort Adams Trust held its 2nd Annual Family Day on Saturday, June 17th. The weather was perfect for a day of outdoor activities, games and entertainment. The Parade Field was bustling with kids of all ages. A variety of live on-stage groups entertained the attendees throughout the day, including special appearances by the Big Nazo



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Puppets and Off the Curb Dance Troupe. Some of the other activities included face painting and balloon animals by Tails & Robo the Clowns, a moon bounce and airbrush tattoos. The North Lawn was filled with kite enthusiasts who flew kites of all sizes, shapes and colors. Family Day attracted over 2,100 attendees.

Mark Your Calendar!

3rd Annual

Family Day

Saturday, June 9

11:00am-4:00pm

Rain Date: June 10th

2nd Annual Fortress of Nightmares

The Fort Adams Trust would like to extend a special thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors who dedicated their time and energy to help make this year's *Fortress of Nightmares* bigger than ever. During Halloween weekend Fort Adams was once again transformed into the *Fortress of*



Nightmares. Based, in part, upon the stories and legends surrounding Fort Adams, this year attendance doubled to more than 800 people over four nights. With sets and characters changing every year, next seasons *Fortress* is sure to

be a scream for new and repeat visitors alike.



For information about ways you can help with this years performance contact Rob in the office at (401) 841-0707.

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Civil War Living History Weekend

On the weekend of September 9th & 10th, with the help of the Artillery Company of Newport, the parade grounds of Historic Fort Adams were once again transformed into a Civil War encampment. This year our annual Living History Weekend, brought re-enactment troops from all over New England and beyond. This two day event

included, re-enactors representing both North and South with artillery and troop drills, medical and blacksmithing demonstrations as well as a mock skirmish daily. If you have not been able to attend this event, in the past, be sure to mark your calendar for this year's reenactment, September 8th and 9th.



Remember you membership includes free admission to this event!

2007 Calendar of Events



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- May 11 Fort Adams Trust Annual Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm
(see front cover for details)
- May 19 Fort Opens for Guided Tours
10am - 4pm Daily through October
- May 20 Porsche Club of America Zone I Concours, 9am-3pm
- June 1 Volunteer Thank You and Recruitment Reception, 5:30-7:30pm
- June 9 3rd Annual Family Day, 11pm - 4pm **FREE ADMISSION**
Rain Date: Sunday, June 10
- June 28-30 Tall Ships® Festival at Fort Adams, 10am-6pm
- July 1 Tall Ships® Parade of Sail
- July 13-15 Island Moving Company, Flight of Steps, 6:30pm
- July 18 - 21 Island Moving Company, Flight of Steps, 6:30pm
- July 27 Fort Adams Trust Summer Fundraiser
- August 4 & 5 Folk Festival, 10am-7pm
- August 11 & 12 Jazz Festival, 10am-7pm
- August 18 9th Annual Newport Storm Luau
Rain Date: Sunday, August 19
- September 8 & 9 Civil War Living History Weekend, 10am-5pm
- September 28 Golf Tournament, Wanumetonomy Golf Club, 8:30am
- October 7 Middletown Rotary Car Show, 9am-3pm
- October 19-21& 26-28 *Fortress of Nightmares*, 7pm

Navy Choristers Christmas Concert 2006

On Saturday, December 9th, the Newport Navy Choristers held their annual concert, "Christmas in Song" as a fundraiser for Fort Adams Trust at St. Lucy's Church in Middletown. The Choristers were

initially founded in 1953 and perform five major concerts a year in the Newport area. Approximately 400 concert attendees enjoyed a wide variety of traditional holiday songs. A section of the chorus known as the Nautical Notes provided

many pieces as well as a beautiful rendition of "White Christmas". The audience participated in several sing-a-longs at the conclusion of the concert. "Christmas in Song" raised \$3,900 for the Fort Adams Trust.

2006 Boy Scout Camporee

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While many scouts explored the fort and earned their patches on a guided tour, perhaps the best exposure to the fort went to the scouts of Troop 6 Bristol, who completed a service project by clearing brush and debris from the long overgrown exterior ditch. A special thanks should go to them, as well as, all the scouts and leaders who worked to make the 2006 Fall Camporee a great success!



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History You Can Touch!

2006 Boy Scout Camporee



This past Columbus Day weekend Fort Adams became the home to over 500 Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders. The Narragansett Council's fall 'Camporee' was the largest of its kind since 1976, drawing over 20 troops from the Rhode Island area and beyond.

Following set up on Friday, the troops

were roused early Saturday for a full day of historical and educational activities. With assistance from the Artillery Company of Newport, the Second Rhode Island Regiment of Colonials and others, activities included; learning how to march like soldiers, aiming and firing cannons, hatchet throwing, as well as, how to administer first aid for dressing realistic battle wounds.

During this two day event, the scouts had a chance to learn about Fort Adams and its importance as a National Historic Landmark, through our guided tours and 'Tunnel Rat' patch program.

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