



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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SUBJECT: Civil War Camp for Troy Eighth Graders

DATE: May 6, 2009

Background:

- The Troy Museum staff and teachers from the four Troy middle schools have developed an exciting new program for 1,000 Troy eighth graders that meets their curriculum requirements.
- Students from each middle school will participate in a daylong Civil War Camp (May 18-21). Students will rotate through seven stations that feature interactive learning :
 - *Military Life: drills weapons and uniforms*– demonstrated by re-enactors from Historic Fort Wayne Coalition
 - *Communication through letters, journals, telegraph and newspapers*– presented by Mrs. Christen's Miscellanea
 - *Camp Life: food, health and shelter*– presented by re-enactors
 - *Blacksmithing, horseshoeing and woodworking*– presented by a local farrier, volunteer blacksmiths and woodworkers
 - *History of dance during the 1800s*- presented by Glen Morningstar
 - *Meeting Sojourner Truth*– depicted by actor Jacinta Shanae
 - *Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln*– depicted by actor Taras Berezowsky
- Following evaluation by staff, teachers and presenters, this program may be expanded and offered to Troy and other school districts in the 2009/10 school year.

Financial Considerations:

- This educational program will generate new revenue and provide programs for an important target market. Until now educational programs have primarily drawn elementary students grades K-5.

Options:

- Members of Council are invited to observe the camp activities during the week of May 18- 21.

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