



February 2010

Dear Educator:

Spring is a great time to visit Pricketts Fort for an educational field trip and we hope you are planning to bring your students this year. The park will open for the season on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and we are now taking **Spring School Tour** reservations. We work hard to provide your students with an entertaining and meaningful experience that will compliment classroom learning.

Pricketts Fort offers an opportunity for students of all ages to experience an open-air living history museum, and witness daily activities of the 18<sup>th</sup> century frontier through costumed interpreters. The civilian refuge fort is a unique aspect of this region's history. In addition to the reconstructed fort, the park features an original 19<sup>th</sup> century restored home that offers the opportunity to compare the lifestyles of these two centuries. The Visitor Center offers an orientation exhibit and a gift shop that offers unique items that are oriented toward students in a wide variety of prices.

I have enclosed a flyer about a special **Civil War Day** on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> that you might want to take advantage of. This event focuses on the Civil War time period but also gives students the opportunity to tour the Fort on the same day.

We recommend that you allow at least two hours for your tour. The park's normal hours of operation are 10 am to 4:30 pm but school visits can be scheduled to start earlier if requested. Remember, your field trip can be complimented by a picnic or recreational activities within the park or at other nearby attractions. Tickets for a school tour cost \$4.00 per student. Groups get one free chaperone for every 10 students. Additional chaperones cost \$5.00. Purchase orders are accepted. When you call please let us know your method of payment. To schedule a visit for your school please call Pricketts Fort at (304) 363-3030.

***Teaching History Through the Arts.*** – Artisan led hands-on workshops are available to schools as part of a field trip or as an outreach visit to your location, for an additional fee. (See [www.historythrougharts.org](http://www.historythrougharts.org) ) A special **Teacher Institute** is planned this summer from August 5-9 for those interested in learning more about history and experiencing these heritage art forms. Call the office for an application

To learn more about Pricketts Fort, access **Educator materials**, and view our special events, visit our web site at [www.prickettsfort.org](http://www.prickettsfort.org). I hope you will consider an educational field trip to Pricketts Fort as you plan your spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa May".

Melissa May, Executive Director



# Annual Jones Imboden Raid CIVIL WAR SCHOOL TOUR DAY

## Attention Teachers:

A group of members from the Jacob's Meadow Battery including the 11<sup>th</sup> PVI, the 140<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania and the West Virginia Light Artillery Co. F will provide historic displays about the Civil War era at Pricketts Fort on April 23 – 25, 2010, with Friday designated as a special **School Tour Day**.

Members will have stations set up for students to experience including Artillery, Infantry, Cavalry (dismounted), Ladies Clothing, Native American Soldier, Vivandiere, Tatting, Lady Spy, Civil War Music, Drummer Boy and more.

While at Pricketts Fort, school groups may also tour the Fort and Job Prickett House without additional charge. Regular school tour admission of \$4 per student applies and schools receive one free chaperone per ten students. Please call the Foundation office to reserve tickets in advance.

## Friday, April 23

10 – 4:30      School groups tour Civil War stations, Fort and Job Prickett House

**Tickets include the Civil War event, a tour of the Fort and Job Prickett House.  
Schools must reserve tickets in advance. Call (304) 363-3030 for details.**