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Historic Interpreter Training With Rich Pawling Offered

On Saturday, March 31 from 10 am to 4 pm, Pricketts Fort will offer an intense day of training with NAI Certified Interpretive Trainer, Richard N. Pawling. Participants will learn effective methods for presenting history to diverse audiences. This is required training for all new Fort staff and volunteers and is open to anyone, including students and interpretive staff and volunteers from other historic sites. A brown bag lunch is recommended. The class will meet in the Visitor Center and the cost is \$36 for PFMF Members, \$40 for Non-members, and \$20 for Students. The workshop is free for current PFMF Staff and Volunteers. Registration is limited. Call the foundation office (304) 363-3030 or register on line www.prickettsfort.org.

Pawling, a natural entertainer and former college professor, is a master at captivating audiences of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. He is the owner and educational and interpretive specialist of HISTORY ALIVE!SM, a firm founded in 1991 that provides living history and traditional and heritage music programs and training workshops to parks, museums, colleges and universities, as well as civic, professional, and historical organizations throughout the United States and Canada. Annually, he presents up to two hundred HISTORY ALIVE!SM performances and living history workshops.

He has been a National Park Ranger and was the winner of the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) "Excellence in Interpretation Award", a national distinction presented annually to one individual, institution or agency. He is both a NAI "Certified Interpretive Guide" and a "Certified Interpretive Trainer". Pawling is the author of the book, *Old Clothes: But All I Wanted to Do Was Wear Old Clothes and Go Back to the Past*.

For more information about this or other events visit www.prickettsfort.org or contact (304) 363-3030.