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## Every Kid in a Park extension to launch in Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Frederick, MD – [Every Kid in a Park](#), a new national initiative providing free access to all public lands to fourth graders and their families, will be extended in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) with a companion program at eleven non-federal sites. Created in honor of the National Park Service centennial in 2016, the Every Kid in a Park (EKIP) program is designed to foster the next generation of park visitors.

HCWHA, a certified heritage area encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, invites fourth grade students with an EKIP pass—accessible [online](#) or at any national park with an admission fee, including [Antietam National Battlefield](#) and [Harpers Ferry National Historical Park](#)—to “[Find Your Park](#)” in the Heart of the Civil War. The EKIP program will launch on Saturday, April 9 ([Bell & History Day](#) in Frederick County) and run through August 31, 2016.

The EKIP pass grants free admission to the incomparable national parks in the heritage area including [Monocacy National Battlefield](#), the [Chesapeake & Ohio National Historical Park](#), the [Appalachian National Scenic Trail](#), the [Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail](#), Antietam and Harpers Ferry. In addition, these non-federal sites will honor the EKIP pass:

- [Barbara Fritchie House and Museum](#) (*Contact [info@aushermanfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:info@aushermanfamilyfoundation.org) to schedule a visit*)
- [Carroll County Farm Museum](#) (*does not apply during special events*)
- [Catoctin Furnace Historical Society](#)
- [Gathland State Park](#)
- [Middletown Valley Historical Society](#) (*Open during [special events](#) only*)
- [Mount Olivet Cemetery/Francis Scott Key Monument](#)
- [Museum of Frederick County History](#)
- [National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton](#)
- [Schifferstadt Architectural Museum](#)
- [Thurmont Historical Society](#) (*Contact 301-271-1860 or [thurmonthistory@gmail.com](mailto:thurmonthistory@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment*)
- [Washington County Museum of Fine Arts](#)

For more information about Every Kid in a Park and the companion non-federal extension, contact HCWHA staff at at [info@heartofthecivilwar.org](mailto:info@heartofthecivilwar.org).

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