

Registration Form

<u>Program/Event</u>	<u>Fee (Member/NonM)</u>	<u>How many?</u>	<u>Total</u>
SPECIAL RATE:			
Weekend Package: All Activities	\$350 / 400	_____	\$ _____
Friday, May 9			
Lecture and breakfast only	\$25 / 35	_____	_____
Lecture, breakfast, and bus tour	\$150 / 165	_____	_____
Option #1	no add'l charge	_____	_____
Option #2 (Dinner, Jackson Program)	\$25	_____	_____
Saturday, May 10			
Lecture and breakfast only	\$25 / 35	_____	_____
Lecture, breakfast, and bus tour	\$150 / 165	_____	_____
Dinner / Auction (see note*)	\$50 / 60	_____	_____
Sunday, May 11			
Closing Program and breakfast	\$25 / 35	_____	_____

NON-MEMBERS: Include a membership fee of **\$25, \$50 or above** and receive the **Member's Rates**. Enroll me as a member; enclosed is my payment for dues. \$ _____

Total Amt. \$ _____

* **Dinner seating:** if you are filling a table or have seat mates, please note it on your form.

LODGING: The conference hotel is the Best Western, Culpeper, VA (540-825-1253). Lodging is not included in the fees above, but group rates are available if reserved by April 21. The reservation code is *Friends of Wilderness Battlefield*.

AVAILABILITY: Bus Tours are **LIMITED to ONLY 90 SEATS**. Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Cancellation Policy: Full refund if cancelled before **March 31**.

Payment Info: Check _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Please Print Clearly!

CC # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name: (Print) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

_____ I can't attend, but accept my gift for the Ellwood Restoration Project \$ _____

Return REGISTRATION FORM with PAYMENT to:
FoWB / Ellwood, P.O. Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508
OR contact Dale Brown, Registrar at 540-972-9298 or
dalekbrown@verizon.net

FoWB is thrilled to announce the roster of guest historians for the 144th Anniversary. Joining **Gordon Rhea**, Clark "**Bud**" **Hall**, and **Greg Mertz** are **Chief Justice Frank Williams** of the Rhode Island Supreme Court and Chairman of the Lincoln Forum, and **Dr. John Y. Simon**, Executive Director and Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

The weekend will include **fascinating presentations, battlefield tours**, a special tour at **Ellwood** of Gen. G. K. Warren's Headquarters (newly restored), an optional evening program at Guinea Station commemorating **Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's final evening** and the annual **Dinner and Auction** as well as **breakfasts, lunches, snacks and transportation**.

The programs will offer a thorough examination of the influencing politics, personalities and subsequent planning, on both sides of the Rapidan during the Winter Encampments of 1864, followed by an investigation of the complexities of leadership and the resulting successes or failures.

It is now 1864, an election year for the Lincoln Administration, and yet the bloody war drags on, draining Northern coffers amidst waning public support, both North and South.

To fully comprehend the placement of U. S. Grant as military commander of "all the armies of the United States," one must study the role of President Lincoln as a candidate for reelection, while simultaneously serving the nation as Commander-in-Chief.

As the weekend unfolds, participants will learn how Grant implements Lincoln's overall political dictates, Robert E. Lee's assessment and response to Lincoln's situation, and the challenges faced by each in regard to their respective commanders.

Friday May 9

7 – 7:30am Registration

7:30 – 9:45 Breakfast and Lectures at Best Western, Culpeper

Speakers: Chief Justice Frank Williams, Dr. John Y. Simon, and Clark "Bud" Hall

10am Bus Tour Departs (tour includes lunch)

10am – 2pm *Winter Encampment: Army of the Potomac*

Guide: Clark "Bud" Hall and Greg Mertz
Sites: TBA

2 – 4:30 *Battle Gone Awry: Federal Personalities with Conflicting Notions*

Guide: Greg Mertz and Gordon Rhea
Sites: Germanna Ford, Grant's Knoll, and Saunders Field.

4:30 Refreshments at Ellwood: Special tour of Warren's headquarters

5:30 Guests continue on -OR- return to the Best Western

(Friday's events continue overleaf)

Friday May 9 continued

- Option #1 Complete the bus tour by returning to the Best Western.
- Option #2 Continue tour with Dinner and Jackson Program at Guinea Station:
- 6:00 Dinner at Robinson's Tavern
 - 7:00 Depart for Guinea Station
 - 8:00 *A Candlelight Tour of "Stonewall" Jackson's last evening*
Guide: Park Historian Frank O'Reilly
 - 9:15 Depart for return to Best Western
 - 10:00 Arrive at Best Western

Saturday, May 10

- 7am – 7:30 Registration
- 7:30 – 9:45 Breakfast and Lectures at Best Western Culpeper
Speakers: Gordon Rhea and Greg Mertz

- 10am – 4:30pm Bus Tour (includes lunch)
- Morning: *Breaking Camp: The armies are on the move*
Guides: Bud Hall, Gordon Rhea, Greg Mertz
Sites: Pony Mountain, Verdiersville (Old and New), Mine Run
- Afternoon: *Lee's Subordinates: Disappointing or Disabled*
Guide: Gordon Rhea and Greg Mertz
Sites: Widow Tapp Field, Longstreet Wounding, Brock Road-
Plank Road Intersection, and Gordon's Flank Attack
- 4:30 Arrive back at hotel

Saturday Evening: Dinner / Auction

- Location is the Daniel Technology Center, Culpeper
Attire is dressy casual; Cash bar offered
- 6:30 – 8pm Social hour and Silent Auction
- 8:00 Dinner and Program
- 9:15 Live Auction

Sunday, May 11

- 8:30 – 10am Breakfast and Lecture
Panel of speakers: Chief Justice Williams, Dr. John Simon, Bud Hall,
Gordon Rhea, and Greg Mertz
- 11am – 5pm Mother's Day at Ellwood

The itinerary is subject to change!

Check www.fowb.org for updates on topics, speakers and sites.

FoWB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; all proceeds benefit the Ellwood Restoration Project.

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invites you to join us

in a commemoration of the

BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS

on the occasion of its

144th Anniversary in 2008.

May 9 – 11: A Civil War Conference:

“Politics and Personalities:
The Wilderness Campaign, 1864”

May 10: The Annual Dinner and Auction

May 11: Special Activities at Ellwood