Fort Negley: Beyond the Civil War

Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park

June 21 - July 26, 2017

10:00 - 11:30 am

Welcome to Fort Negley! Over the next six weeks, we will explore the site’s unique history, symbolism, mythology, use, geology, and transition from neglected ruin to public park through a series of lectures, demonstrations, and hands on activities.

I would like to thank Dr. Carole Bucy, Dr. Bobby Lovett, William Carey, Zada Law, Zach Richardson and the Nashville Chew Crew, and Fred Zahn for their unwavering support of Fort Negley and for offering to share their expertise. I would also like to express my appreciation to Norma Clippard, OLLI, and to all of you for this opportunity to share Fort Negley’s story.

While a good portion of class will take place in the theater, a few activities and demonstrations will take place outside. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. It will be hot this summer and many areas on the property lack shade, so please remember to bring water and sun hats and to stay hydrated. We will do our best to accommodate anyone with mobility issues. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Also, this is my first experience with OLLI, so I am anxious to hear your feedback. I can be reached at 615-862-8470 or krista.castillo@nashville.gov.

Schedule

June 21: *Fortifications 101*

June 28: Fort Negley’s role during the Civil War, presented by Dr. Carole Bucy

July 5: *Just when you thought it couldn’t get any weirder: Fort Negley’s post-Civil War history*

July 12: The African American Experience, presented by Dr. Bobby Lovett

July 19: *To preserve or not to preserve: How Fort Negley survived a growing city*

July 26: The proof is just below the surface: 20th century habitation and site use revealed through artifacts