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**Free Events Offered at 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Day at Historic Tredegar  
Celebrate Our Shared History**

**RICHMOND, VA-** Watch history come alive at the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Richmond Civil War Day, Saturday April 5 at the Historic Tredegar Ironworks.** The day will be jam packed with fun filled activities for the whole family. The event is free and will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pack a picnic or purchase lunch from Christie's Lunchbox from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events will take place rain or shine, excluding artillery and musket firing demonstrations.

Explore how soldiers of the Civil War passed the time between battles with a cricket demonstration beginning at noon. Patrons can also learn more about the traditions and symbolism behind specific patchwork quilts by living historian Wisteria Perry followed by a children's activity offered by the Sisters of the Yam quilting guild.

Learn how the photographs we see in history books come to life with a wet plate photography demonstration led by historian Terry Thompson. If enjoying a relaxing day is more to your taste, take a walking tour of historic Belle Isle and kick back on the riverside.

On **Sunday, April 6, 2008** the Center will commemorate Abraham Lincoln's only visit to Richmond in the spring of 1865. At 1:30 p.m., Center Educator Jimmy Price will discuss Lincoln's visit to Richmond at the National Park Service Visitor Center entrance. At 2:30p.m., put on your walking shoes and join National Park Service Historian Mike Gorman on a two-hour walking tour tracing Lincoln's route through Richmond. Tour departs from 13<sup>th</sup> and Cary Streets.

These activities are sure to engage your mind and your spirit by providing an in-depth look into what life during the Civil War was really like for everyone; mothers, fathers, and children from the North and South. Don't miss out on exploring "*the conflict that still shapes our nation*".

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**The mission of the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar is to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation. The Center is located at the Tredegar Iron Works, an 8.3 acre National Historic Landmark site by the James River in Richmond. The 1861 Gun Foundry is home to the 10,000-square-foot flagship exhibit, *In the Cause of Liberty*, the nation's first exhibit to explore the war's causes, course, and legacies from Union, Confederate, and African American perspectives.**

**The Civil War Visitor Center at Tredegar Iron Works is one of 13 Civil War sites protected by Richmond National Battlefield Park around the city of Richmond, Virginia.**