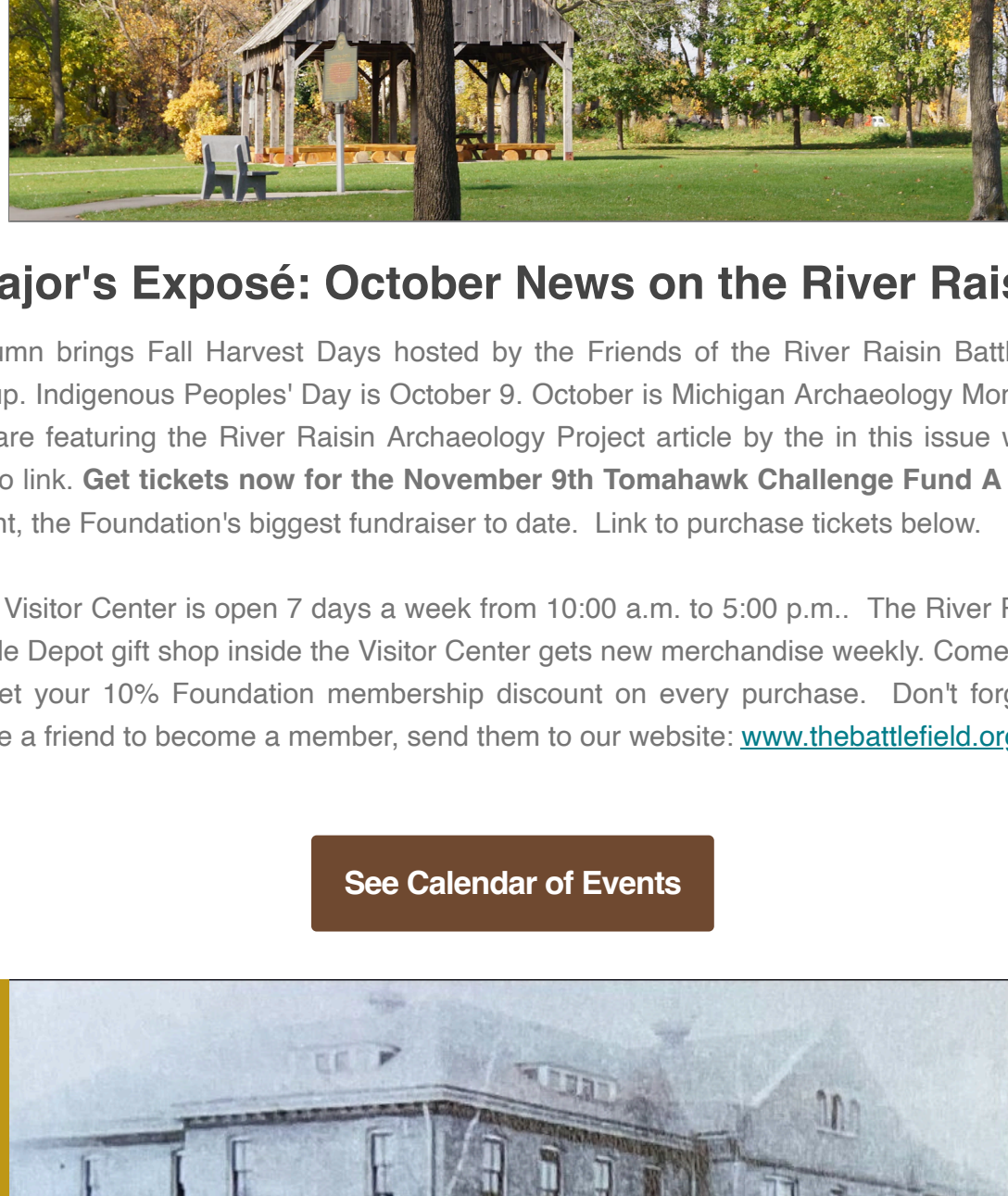


# RIVER RAISIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 2023 EDITION



## Major's Exposé: October News on the River Raisin

Autumn brings Fall Harvest Days hosted by the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield group. Indigenous Peoples' Day is October 9. October is Michigan Archaeology Month so we are featuring the River Raisin Archaeology Project article by the in this issue with a video link. **Get tickets now for the November 9th Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need event**, the Foundation's biggest fundraiser to date. Link to purchase tickets below.

The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The River Raisin Trade Depot gift shop inside the Visitor Center gets new merchandise weekly. Come shop to get your 10% Foundation membership discount on every purchase. Don't forget to invite a friend to become a member, send them to our website: [www.thebattlefield.org](http://www.thebattlefield.org)

[See Calendar of Events](#)



### "The System of Civilization: The Creation and Impacts of Indian Boarding Schools"

**Program: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00pm**  
**Foundation Members Meet and Greet Reception at 6:00pm**

Join Eric Hemenway on an exploration of the creation and impacts of Indian Boarding Schools on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00pm held at the Visitor Center in the Theater. Indian boarding schools were designed to "civilize" native populations in the United States. These schools were widespread and in operation for over a century. The impacts of these schools are still felt today in native communities, including those in Michigan. This talk will focus on the Odawa and their connections to these schools.

Eric Hemenway is an Anishabe/Odawa from Cross Village, Michigan and is the Director of Repatriation, Archives and Records for the Little Travers Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Eric is an outstanding and engaging presenter.

Funding for this program was generously provided by the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation through a generous grant by the La-Z-Boy Foundation. The event is free.



### Fall Harvest on the Raisin Saturday, October 7, 2023

Join the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield as they present Harvest on the Raisin on Saturday, October 7 from 11am to 4pm. The habitants of Frenchtown celebrate the harvest and prepare for winter with historic foodways and trade demonstrations.

This is a free outdoor event for the whole family. Kids activities and seasonal refreshments provided!

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### Speaker Program Sunday, October 29, 2023

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### Visiting Organizations

VIP Visitors we are hosting this month!

-Welcome Mayor Matsuura, Mr. Ibohasaki and delegates from Hofu, Japan the city of Monroe sister city

-Kiwanis Club of Monroe

-Alliance for Community Media Conference

-River Raisin Watershed Council



### October 6-8, 2023

Center for French Colonial Studies is holding it's annual conference at the Visitor Center. For more information and registration requirements:

[www.frenchcolonialstudies.org](http://www.frenchcolonialstudies.org)

**Volunteers Wanted**

Have you thought about volunteering at the National Battlefield Park? Contact us today at (734) 243-7136 or email us at [info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org](mailto:info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org)

[GET TOMAHAWK CHALLENGE TICKETS NOW!](#)



### The second annual Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need Event November 9, 2023



Presented by our Tomahawk Sponsor:

Our biggest fundraising event of the year! Join in the fun to play games and watch teams compete for the Axe Throwing Challenge in the range at the Education Center. The challenge is live and streamed in the Theater and there are activities for everyone including 50/50 and "Experience" raffles. On view will be the 2022 funded exhibits of Traditional Hunting and Trapping. The funds raised for the 2023 event is for an economic themed exhibit in the Education Center for "Making the Grade (Pelt)" and "Made Beaver" activity where students can purchase pelts to make interchangeable bundles providing perspectives of the British, Canadian, French, Native and American economy as during the fur trade in the early 1800's. Play 19th century games and have fun with us while raising money for exhibits!

Tickets are on sale NOW, \$30 per person or \$27 for Foundation Members! \$75 for 3 person Axe Throwing Team - limited number of Teams available.

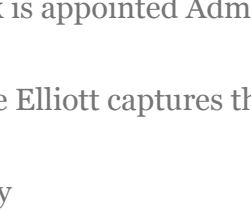
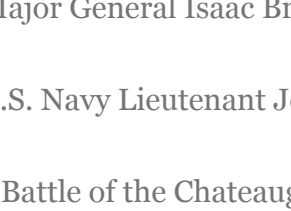
[Link to Buy Admission Tickets](#)



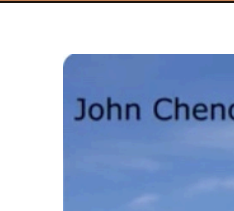
Inaugural Tomahawk Challenge Winners: 1st Place Mid American Group (far left), 2nd Place Team DTE Foundation (center), 3rd Place Team Edge (far right).

#### Hunter Level Sponsors:

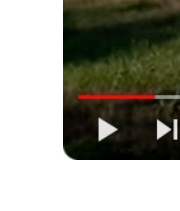
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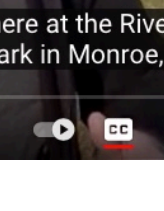
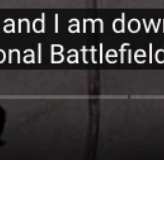
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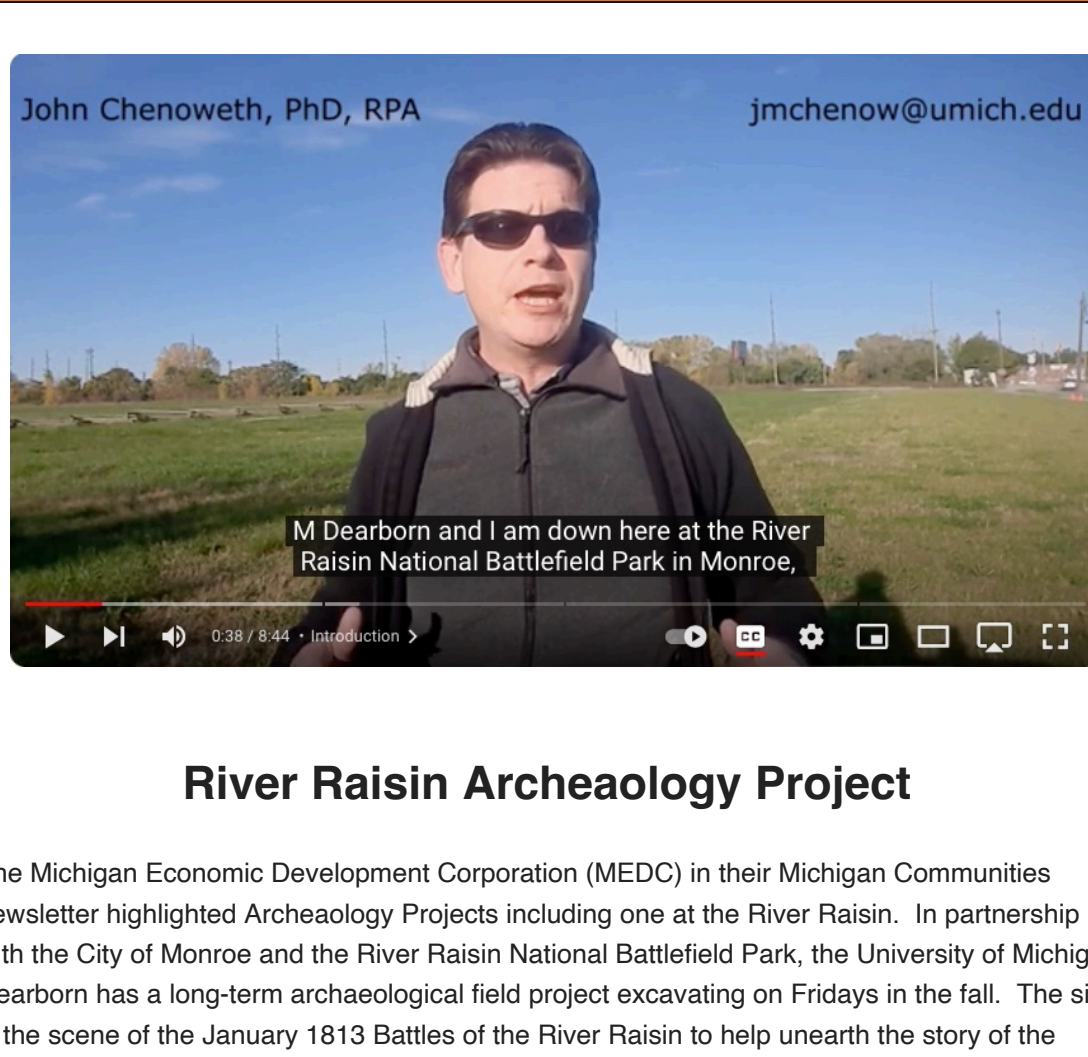
#### Trapper Level Sponsors:



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## Partner Spotlight

### Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Chief Glenna Wallace

On September 19, the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks have been announced as Ohio's first UNESCO World Heritage Site! This has been a momentous journey for Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to preserve and protect the 2,000 year old sacred ground that was once a golf course. The inscription was held in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Chief Glenna Wallace can be seen with Josh Garcia on the right of the two center flags in the photo above taken after the inscription.

Congratulation Chief Glenna and the community of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks!



#### Learn More:

- Chief Glenna Wallace and Michael Ratney US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia share their experience
- Hopewell Culture National Historical Park
- Facebook: Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks

## War of 1812 Historical Events in October

- October 5, 1813 Battle of the Thames; Tecumseh is killed
- October 7, 1812 U.S. General James Winchester's army arrives near Fort Defiance
- October 9, 1811 Major General Isaac Brock is appointed Administrator of Upper Canada
- October 9, 1812 U.S. Navy Lieutenant Jesse Elliott captures the brigs, Caledonia and Detroit
- October 26, 1813 Battle of the Chateaugay

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## River Raisin Archaeology Project

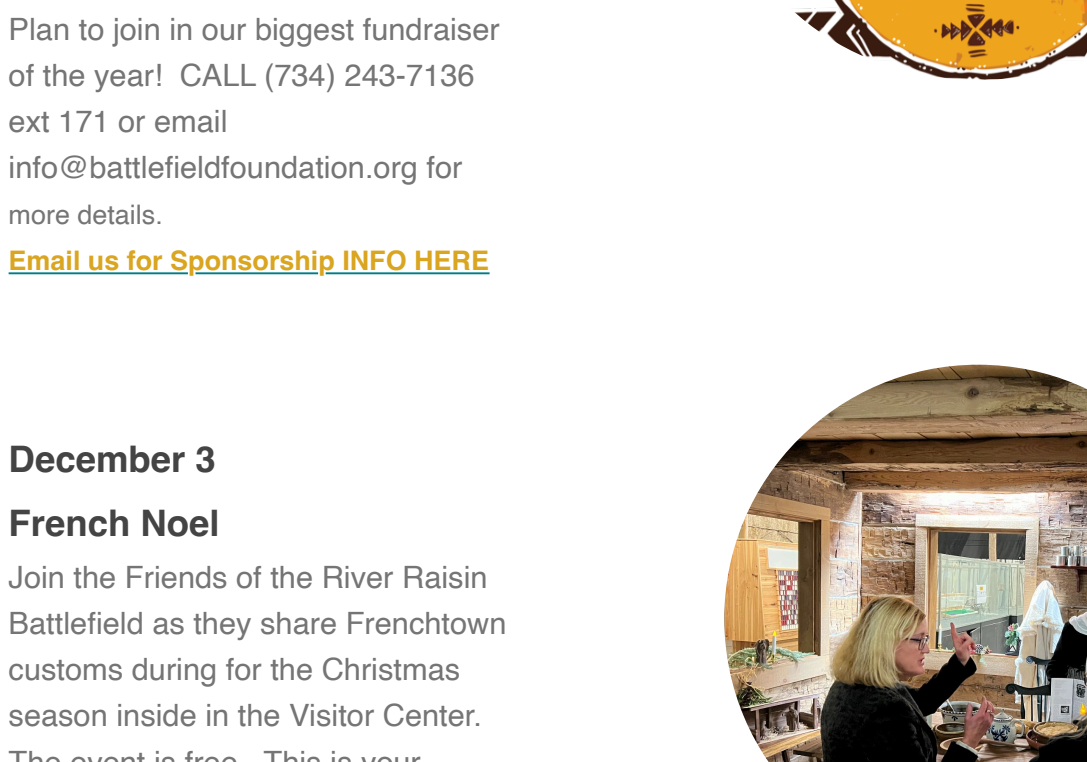
The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) in their Michigan Communities newsletter highlighted Archaeology Projects including one at the River Raisin. In partnership with the City of Monroe and the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, the University of Michigan Dearborn has a long-term archaeological field project excavating on Fridays in the fall. The site is the scene of the January 1813 Battles of the River Raisin to help unearth the story of the French, British and Native communities that traded and farmed here. Click on the link to view a short video on the project. Spectators are welcomed!

[Link: River Raisin Archaeological Field School University of Michigan Dearborn](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH HERE](#)

## River Raisin Trade Depot open seven days a week!

Stop in the gift shop for Michigan art, apparel, and trade goods! You'll find National Park Geek and Junior Ranger merchandise including hiking medallions and Passport Stamps. Gift Shop is open during Visitor Center hours, 10am to 5pm, 7 days a week.



### Upcoming events...

## November 6-10 Wyandotte Days Native American Field Trips

Schools can contact Chuck Estep, Monroe County ISD at [chuck.estep@monroeisd.us](mailto:chuck.estep@monroeisd.us)

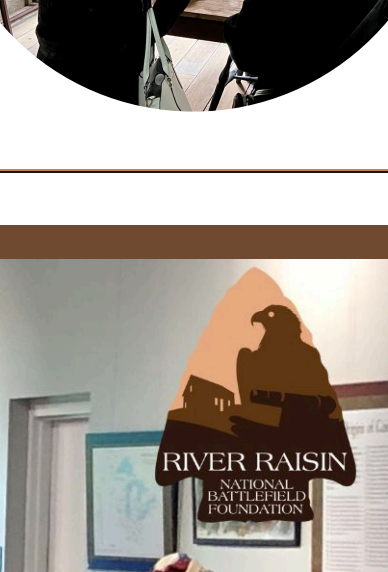
### November 9

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Tickets at [www.thebattlefield.org](http://www.thebattlefield.org)

Plan to join in our biggest fundraiser of the year! Call (734) 243-7136 ext 171 or email [info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org](mailto:info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org) for more details.

[Email us for Sponsorship INFO HERE](#)

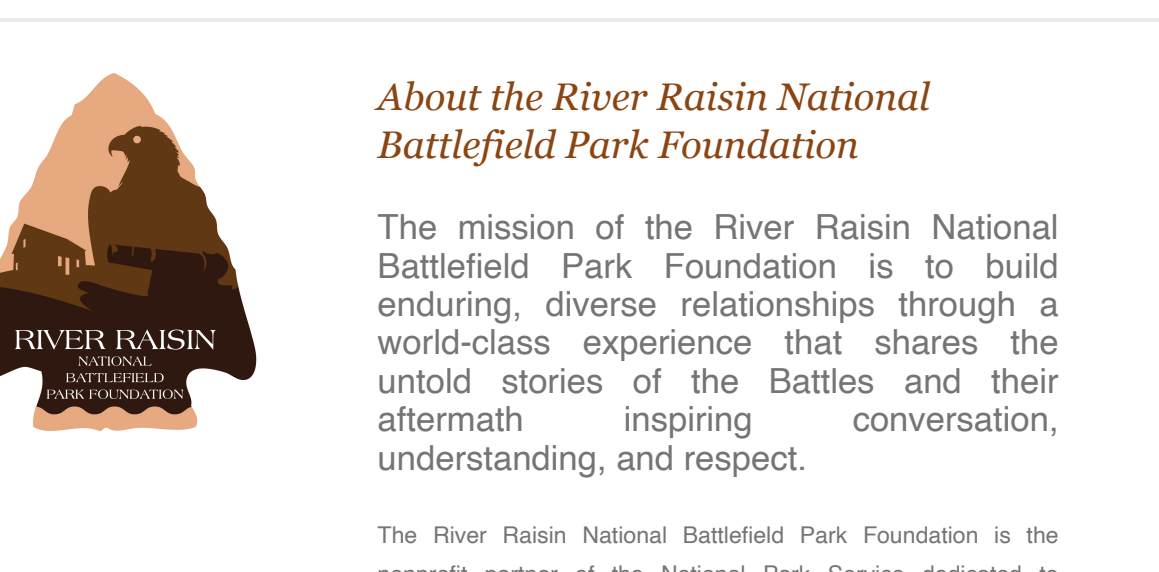
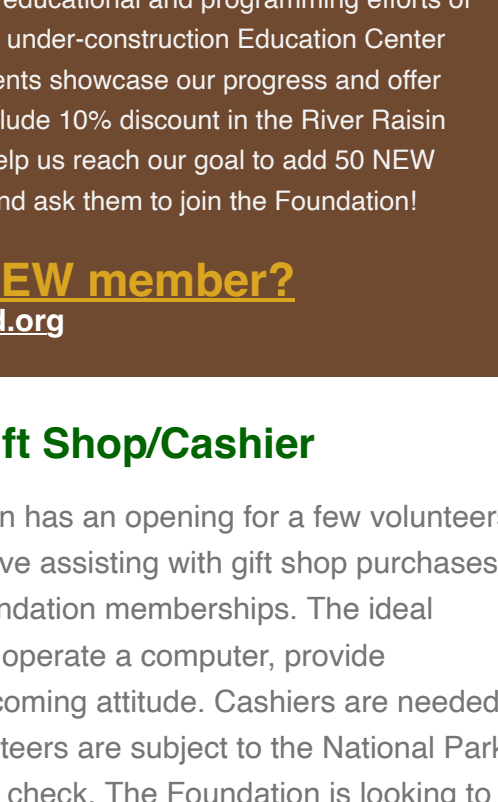


### December 3

## French Noel

Join the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield as they share Frenchtown customs during the the Christmas season inside in the Visitor Center.

The event is free. This is your chance to see the progress of exhibits of the Education Center.



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: INVITE A FRIEND

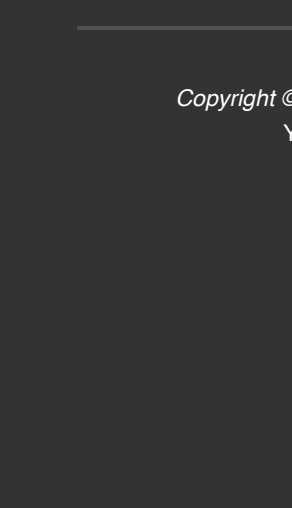
Invite a friend to join! Foundation membership funds our educational and programming efforts of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park including the under-construction Education Center inside the Visitor Center. Exclusive Members Only events showcase our progress and offer special themed activities. Other membership perks include 10% discount in the River Raisin Trade Depot Gift Shop and event ticket discounts. Help us reach our goal to add 50 NEW memberships! Forward this newsletter to a friend and ask them to join the Foundation!

**Who will be our next NEW member?**  
[www.thebattlefield.org](http://www.thebattlefield.org)

## Volunteer Opportunity: Gift Shop/Cashier

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation has an opening for a few volunteers to assist with the Gift Shop. The position would involve assisting with gift shop purchases, handling digital register and cash, and soliciting Foundation memberships. The ideal candidate will be trustworthy to handle cash, able to operate a computer, provide excellent customer service and have a positive, welcoming attitude. Cashiers are needed during special events and school field trips. All volunteers are subject to the National Park Service volunteer guidelines including a background check. The Foundation is looking to fill the positions by October 25th. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Czajkowski or [info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org](mailto:info@thebattlefieldfoundation.org) or call (734) 243-7136.

[Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? CLICK HERE](#)

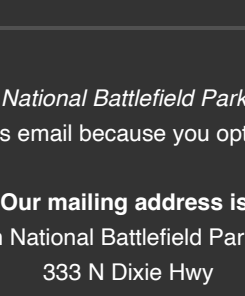


## About the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation

The mission of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is to build enduring, diverse relationships through a world-class experience that shares the untold stories of the Battles and their aftermath inspiring conversation, understanding, and respect.

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving and enriching the River Raisin National Battlefield Park with expertise, private funding and in-kind support for development, construction and restoration projects. To learn more and to support our mission please visit/contact us:

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