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Historic Hopewell Foundation Announces Registration for Emma and George Days

What did children do all day without computers, television and other modern technologies? The Historic Hopewell Foundation (HHF) is pleased to announce the date for this year's Emma and George Days. Experience a day in the life of Emma and George who lived at Weston Plantation during the Civil War. The popular program is a two-day learning event for boys and girls ages 8-12. Costumed interpreters and museum staff will lead children in activities, crafts, and games to help students gain an appreciation for life in the late 18th and 19th centuries. We are very excited to have Debbie Phillips to lead the two-day program.

Debbie Phillips is a native of Chesterfield and works for the Edgar Allan Poe Museum. The Poe Museum's collection is now the most comprehensive in the world and its programs reach thousands of scholars, students, teachers and literary enthusiasts every year. A lifelong history lover, Debbie enjoys making history exciting for people through entertaining stories, songs, and interactive activities. When she's not leading a tour or performing a historical persona, Debbie enjoys playing with her son, spending time with her family, singing, knitting, reading (mostly history books), and cooking delicious treats.

Emma and George Days are named for the children who lived at Weston Plantation with their family from the fall of 1863 through the spring of 1864. The Wood family came to Weston to escape the Union occupation of Hampton, Virginia. Emma's memoir of her family's travels during the Civil War is a fascinating look at civilian life in an occupied war zone. During the interactive program at Weston, children will spend the day as Emma and George would have, working and playing, while learning about days past.

Emma and George Days will be held August 8-9, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Weston Plantation. Instructors are assisted by adult aides and snacks are provided. Cost is \$10 per child. Space is limited so early registration is advised. For more information or to register, please call HHF at 458-4682. Weston Plantation is located at 400 Weston Lane off 21st Avenue in Hopewell.

Weston Plantation and the City Point Early History Museum are properties of the Historic Hopewell Foundation, Inc. Founded in 1972 the Historic Hopewell Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the interpretation of the history of the City of Hopewell through the preservation of its historic properties.