

Beyond the Battlefield

A free interactive event for youth connecting lessons from
the Civil War with issues of today



October 8, 2011 from 10 AM-2 PM
@ the Grove St. Boat Launch, Elmira
(Near the site of the Elmira Prison Camp)



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In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the Red Cross is pleased to present this community event linking the Civil War to the Fundamental Principles of Humanitarian Aid and International Humanitarian Law. As guardians of the Geneva Convention, the Red Cross hopes this event will help to raise awareness of humanitarian actions in times of war. As you journey back in time, we will introduce you to Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, and we will take you through some of the challenges and hardships faced by civilians, soldiers and communities during the Civil War. During the Civil War, President Lincoln initiated the first written rules for treatment of prisoners, known as the Lieber Code. We will show you how those rules became the basis of our modern day "Rules of War", the Geneva Conventions.

1. **Red Cross HQ:** Explore the modern day mission of the American Red Cross. Create a portfolio to carry your documents. Obtain your "pass" in order to travel through military lines. You will need to show this at each station in order to move on (it is also your pass to extra credit from your teachers!)
2. **Limiting the Devastation of War:** Participate in an activity dealing with the challenge of controlling collateral damage. Collect a card with the modern day rules of war.
3. **Civilian to Soldier:** Discover how a civilian became a soldier during the Civil War. Observe the basic issues of food, shelter and equipment given to soldiers. Collect your draft notice.
4. **Faith & Charity:** Learn about the 3 major volunteer charity and faith based organizations of the Civil War, including the US Sanitary Commission which was the forerunner of the American Red Cross. Help pick lint to make bandages. Collect your ticket to the Great Elmira Sanitary Fair of 1864.
5. **Battlefield Medicine:** Explore a hospital tent and learn what types of treatment was available. Participate in transporting wounded soldiers from the battlefield. Collect your hospital bed card.
6. **Captive & Captors:** Listen to stories from captured soldiers of their experiences before they arrived at a prison camp. Obtain your oath of allegiance.
7. **Prison Camp:** Explore prison life through stories of both prisoners and guards. Learn about the origins and layout of the Elmira Prison camp and see the remnants of Foster's Pond. Receive your final parole.
8. **General Interest Exhibits:**
 - Civil War Currency
 - Civil War Era Children's Games
 - 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America