



## Discover Latta Plantation 2011

Discover Latta Plantation is a unique event that allows **5th-7th grade** Girl Scouts to learn early 19th century skills as a docent and share their experiences with hundreds of other Girl Scouts. The program began in 2000 as an effort to teach diversity through early 19th century lifestyles. During the program, participating Girl Scouts will be divided into three groups, including planters, yeomen, and slaves. Each girl will learn to interpret her lifestyle through hands-on living history activities. The program consists of two main parts:

**(1) Training Date: March 12th, 2011 (9am-4pm)** *On this date, participants will spend the day at Latta to train in their lifestyles and prepare for the main event day.*

**(2) Event Date: April 2nd, 2011 (9am-2pm event 10am-2pm)** *Girls that trained in March will return to demonstrate their skills to visiting Girl Scouts.*

-All participants will be supplied with a dress to borrow.

-Due to the nature of the program, only 30 girls will be able to participate. Before sending an application, please be sure that you will be able to commit your time and energy to this program. **The application deadline is February 11, 2011;** however, we will accept girls on a first-come, first-serve basis. All girls that have applied will be notified of the results shortly after the deadline given above.

-This event requires strict dedication from all participants and provides an opportunity to teach as well as learn. All Girl Scouts wishing to participate in this program must be in the fifth, sixth, or seventh grade. The application for this event should be filled out and returned to:

Historic Latta Plantation  
Re: Discover Latta Plantation  
5225 Sample Road  
Huntersville, NC 28078



### Lifestyle Descriptions

#### **Planters:**

Activity Stations- House Tours, Sewing/Education, Dancing

Planters were the wealthiest group of Americans in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. They represented only 1% of the population in Mecklenburg County and were described as people owning 20 or more slaves. They made money by selling large crops (mostly cotton, but also rice, tobacco, and sugar).

#### **Yeomen:**

Activity Stations- Cabin Tours / Candles, Farm (animals), Importance of Corn (cornhusk dolls)

Yeomen represented the majority of southerners in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They owned small parcels of land and grew enough food to survive and take care of their families. A small number of them owned one or two slaves, but they worked alongside their slaves in the fields, out of necessity. Yeomen were uneducated and lived in one room cabins.

#### **Slaves:**

Activity Stations- Cooking/Butter making, Cotton and Wool, Cabin Interpretation/Gardens

Slaves represented more than half of the population of Mecklenburg County during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In some areas of the South they represented up to 90% of the population. They worked extremely hard and were considered property- just like farm animals and equipment. There were three types of slaves: field hands, house servants, artisans.

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**Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your desired lifestyle (*please note that you may not receive your desired lifestyle*):

Planter     Yeoman     Slave     No Preference

What skills do you have that would help you succeed in this program?

Why do you want to participate in this program?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

List other Girl Scout Programs in which you have participated:

Do you enjoy working with other people?

How do you feel about speaking in public?

*\*Latta Plantation does not discriminate based on age, sex, race, or religion. Latta Plantation is interested in documenting the diversity of its volunteers. (You may leave this blank if you prefer.)*