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### **HISTORY UNDER THE STARS!**

Katonah, N.Y. (July 21, 2010) – Come experience an exciting overnight adventure! From Saturday evening, August 14 through Sunday morning, August 15, John Jay Homestead State Historic Site in Katonah, NY, will provide some unique family fun. Bring a tent, a picnic dinner, a sleeping bag or air mattress, and your flashlight, and join us for *History Under the Stars*, an after-hours camping experience featuring colonial crafts, a community campfire, and a tour of John Jay's historic house! And if you don't have a tent, don't worry: our 19<sup>th</sup>-century barn will be available for sleeping in.

Rain-or-shine registration will take place between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14; all activities will wrap up by 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 15. The admission fee will be \$35 for adults, and \$25 for children age 12 and under. Members of the Friends of John Jay Homestead can participate for \$20 per person, for all ages. Advance reservations, with a \$15 per person, non-refundable deposit, are required.

To learn more about this event or to make a reservation, please call Bethany White, Museum Educator, at (914) 232-5651 x101 or email [bethany.white@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:bethany.white@oprhp.state.ny.us).

John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is located at 400 Jay Street, in Katonah. The historic site is one of six state historic sites and 16 parks administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – Taconic Region. For more information about New York State Parks, log onto [www.nyparks.com](http://www.nyparks.com).