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### **Fort Fisher to Sound Off with Music and Artillery**

KURE BEACH — Nothing caps off a round of toe-tapping fiddle music better than a commanding cannon blast, and that's just what awaits visitors of Fort Fisher State Historic Site at "The Sounds of Fort Fisher: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Music and Artillery" slated for Saturday, August 13, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlighting the program will be period music provided by North Carolina favorites, the Huckleberry Brothers, inside the visitor's center. The program will also feature costumed tours of Fort Fisher's remaining earthworks throughout the day, and cannon firings at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. This free event is part of "2nd Saturdays," a statewide summer initiative at the NC Department of Cultural Resources' State Historic Sites and Museums that combines arts, history, culture, and fun for all ages.

"With all the great music and artillery firings, there will be something for everyone," said Fort Fisher State Historic Site Manager Jim Steele. "This is a last 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday program of 2011 and we want to make it count."

Fort Fisher, the largest earthen fortification in the Confederacy, once protected the port of Wilmington and the vital blockade running trade on the Cape Fear River. After two massive bombardments the fort fell to a Union infantry assault on January 15, 1865. With the capture of Fort Fisher, Wilmington's port – "the Lifeline of the Confederacy" – was closed to foreign trade. All Fort Fisher programming is made possible by support from the Friends of Fort Fisher, a nonprofit group. Visit [www.friendsoffortfisher.com](http://www.friendsoffortfisher.com) for more information.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is located at 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd S, Kure Beach, N.C. 28449. For more information on the site, call (910) 458-5538 or visit the web site [www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher/](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/fisher/). Fort Fisher State Historic Site is part of the Division of State Historic Sites in the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, the state agency with the mission to enrich lives and communities, and the vision to harness the state's cultural resources to build North Carolina's social, cultural and economic future. Information is available 24/7 at [www.ncculture.com](http://www.ncculture.com).