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The Headquarters for Summer Fun
Washington's Headquarters reopens at Valley Forge National Historical Park
with updated tours, new exhibits

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. – Washington's Headquarters will again be the nerve center of Valley Forge this summer. Beginning this weekend visitors can take ranger led tours through the area as the newly renovated attraction at Valley Forge National Historical Park will give visitors another reason to re-live history.

Tours of Washington's Headquarters, where George Washington lived during the Continental Army's winter encampment of 1777-1778, depart every half hour from the refurbished 1920s Valley Forge Train Station platform. The attraction is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through June 12, and will remain open until 6 p.m. beginning June 13.

Visitors can sample additional summer programming throughout the park. Once Upon a Nation storytellers take up their benches bringing the Revolution to life from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends, with daily performances beginning June 13. Benches are located at four spots in the park: outside the Welcome Center, the National Memorial Arch, Washington's Headquarters and Varnum's Quarters. The new kids program, "Valley Forge Secrets and Spies," is offered on Saturdays for visitors from 8-12 years old. A fee is charged for this program; tickets are available for this program and "Valley Forge After Hours" at the Welcome Center on Saturdays or online by visiting www.historicphiladelphia.org. Visitors can be an eyewitness to history as archeologists conduct a dig behind the headquarters building from June 2 through early August. Archeologists will be processing their finds in an adjacent structure just a few steps away. Added to the above beginning June 13 are soldier life demonstrations, ranger lead walking tours, gallery talks and Junior Ranger programs.

For more information about visiting Valley Forge National Historical Park, visit www.nps.gov/vafo. For other activities and events happening in the Valley Forge area and Montgomery County, Pa., or to book an affordable hotel package, visit www.valleyforge.org.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park educates present and future generations of Americans about one of the most defining events in our nation's history by preserving the natural and cultural resources that commemorate the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777-78. To learn more visit www.nps.gov/vafo.

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