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James A. Garfield National Historic Site 2011 Special Events & Programs

****James A. Garfield 180th Commemoration (1831-2011) ****

****Civil War 150th Commemoration (1861-65 to 2011-15) ****

January

Saturday, January 8—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

See the Garfield home and property as you've never seen it before! This special two-hour tour takes you into rooms in the Garfield house not open to the normal public tour, including the basement and attic. You'll also explore the windmill, barn, and other outbuildings. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722. Minimum age is 16. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to climb steps without difficulty.

Saturday, January 15—11 a.m.

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February

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Saturday, February 12—2 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln Birthday Commemoration—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Mark Abraham Lincoln's 202nd birthday and the beginning of the Civil War 150th with a special film that explains Lincoln's feelings about abolition and the coming of the Civil War. Enjoy *A&E Biography: Abraham Lincoln* courtesy of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Indiana. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

Sunday, February 13—2 p.m.

The James and Lucretia Garfield Letters

As Valentine's Day approaches, learn more about the personal letters James and Lucretia Garfield shared over the many years of their courtship, marriage, and life together. See sides of the Garfields of which few are aware! Presented by David Anderson, Professor Emeritus of English at Hiram College. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

Saturday, February 19—11 a.m.

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Monday, February 21—10 a.m.-3 p.m.

President's Day Commemoration: Civil War Presidents—A Fee-Free Day!

A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War's beginning, celebrate President's Day at the home of an Ohio president and Civil War general! Play the presidential trivia game, learn more about presidents who served as Civil War soldiers and about James A. Garfield's presidential campaign/administration, tour the Garfield home, and many more activities in honor of President's Day! Games and prizes available for children! Free of charge.

March

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Saturday, March 26—2 p.m.

James A. Garfield's Early Life—A 180th Anniversary Event

James A. Garfield celebrates his 180th birthday in 2011! Learn more about the future president's life at this first of four programs focusing on Garfield's youth on the Western Reserve. Additional 180th events will follow in May, July, and September. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

April

Saturday, April 2—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Saturday, April 9—2 p.m.

The Coming of the Civil War

A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. Visit James A. Garfield NHS for a Ranger program about the coming of the war, featuring original quotes from Southern secessionists, Northern Unionists, and everyone in between! Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

Saturday, April 16—11 a.m.

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Monday, April 25—1 p.m.

The White House Easter Monday Egg Roll—A Fee-Free Day!

Join in the re-creation of a grand White House tradition: the Easter egg roll on the lawn! This is one tradition that—despite a brief tenure in office—President Garfield participated in at Easter 1881. Participate in the egg roll relay, play games, and see original memorabilia from White House Easter egg

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rolls of the past! Kids of all ages are invited to visit the site to roll provided wooden eggs on the vast lawn behind the Garfield home. Free of charge.

May

Saturday, May 7—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Saturday, May 14—11 a.m.

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Sunday, May 15—10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Civil War Reenactor Spring Drills—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

Join area Civil War reenactors from several different units as they conduct annual spring drills on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Marching, loading and firing muskets, and other common tasks of Civil War soldier will be demonstrated. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

Sunday, May 21—2 p.m.

James A. Garfield's Military Life—A 180th Anniversary Event ***A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program***

James Abram Garfield was not yet 30 years old when the Civil War began, but he volunteered to fight for the Union shortly after Fort Sumter. This special program, one of four commemorating the 180th anniversary of Garfield's 1831 birth, will examine his time as a soldier, including his service as a regimental and brigade commander and as Chief of Staff of the Army of the Cumberland. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

Monday, May 23-Monday, June 20

Abraham Lincoln: A Man for His Time, A Man for All Times: A Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History Special Exhibit ***A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program***

This fascinating set of panels from the Gilder-Lehrman Institute illustrates that two centuries after his birth, Lincoln still speaks to Americans and the world. Raised on the Kentucky and Indiana frontiers, and formed by his experiences as a lawyer in Illinois, Lincoln wrestled with issues of race and rights, with the limits of political leadership, and with civil liberties during wartime. His administration advanced the

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idea of the United States as a single, unified nation, and he set an agenda for inclusive democracy that continues to have resonance today. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

June

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Saturday, June 4—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Saturday, June 11—11 a.m.

The Life of Abraham Lincoln—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

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Sunday, June 12—1 p.m.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

In honor of the upcoming Flag Day on June 14, join members of local Boy Scout troops as they properly and respectfully retire used and unserviceable American flags. Visitors and citizens are encouraged to bring flags they would like to have retired or drop those flags off at the site in the days before the ceremony. Free of charge.

Saturday, June 18—11 a.m.

James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour

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July

Friday, July 1—10 a.m.

Naturalization Ceremony

As the Fourth of July approaches, visit the site to witness dozens of individuals from nations across the globe take the oath as America's newest citizens. The Garfield home provides an appropriate and idyllic setting for this uniquely American ceremony. This event planned in partnership with the League of Women Voters, Citizenship & Immigration Services (U.S. Department of Homeland Security), and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The public is invited to attend this uniquely American event free of charge.

Saturday, July 2—11 a.m.

Behind the Scenes Tour

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Saturday, July 16—11 a.m.

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Sunday, July 17—1 p.m.

Lawnfield Ice Cream Social: A Fee-Free Day!

For the third of four events marking the 180th anniversary of President Garfield's birth, we invite everyone to enjoy ice cream, period games, music, and conversation on the lawn behind the Garfield home! This is the return of a tradition at Lawnfield, and the site's 30th birthday is a perfect time to bring it back! Free of charge.

Sunday, July 17—2 p.m.

James A. Garfield's Family Life—A 180th Anniversary Event

For the third of four events marking the 180th anniversary of President Garfield's birth and the 130th anniversary of his presidency, visit to enjoy free ice cream courtesy of Dairy Queen of Willoughby and learn more about his family life. From his mother to his children and grandchildren, Garfield's family life played a large role in shaping him as a man and a president. Educate yourself about our 20th president's family while enjoying your free ice cream and mingling with living descendants of President Garfield! Free of charge.

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Saturday, July 23-Sunday, July 24—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Civil War Encampment—A Civil War 150th Anniversary Program

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is here! Enjoy a weekend encampment on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Civil War reenactors representing both Union and Confederate troops will march, drill, and fire muskets. Visiting the encampment is free of charge; anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee.

Friday, July 29—4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Old Village Market

This collaboration between the City of Mentor and James A. Garfield NHS is a farmer's market on the grounds of the Garfield property. Locally grown produce, arts and crafts, food, and other products are for sale by dozens of vendors. Music, special exhibits, and tours of the Garfield home and museum are also available. It's the market with a festival atmosphere!

August

Friday, August 5—4 p.m.-8 p.m.

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Saturday, August 6—11 a.m.

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Saturday, August 20—11 a.m.

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September

Saturday, September 3—11 a.m.

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Naturalization Ceremony

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Saturday, September 24—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

National Public Lands Day—A Fee-Free Day!

National Public Lands Day is set aside each year for Americans to reflect on and celebrate national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, national forests, and other areas set aside for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. Tour the Garfield home, enjoy the museum exhibits and film, walk the grounds, and learn more than you every though possible about Mentor's own President Garfield! Free of charge.

Saturday, September 24—2 p.m.

200 Days: The Presidency of James A. Garfield

Despite being one of the most qualified and prepared ever elected to the office, James Abram Garfield served just 200 days as the nation's 20th president. Enjoy free entry to the Garfield site and an informative program about his brief but influential presidency on Public Lands Day. Free of charge.

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October

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Thursday, October 27—6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe

Poe was America's most famous writer of the macabre, and several of his works were among the personal collection of James A. Garfield. Visit for a special performance of several Poe stories and poems in James A. Garfield National Historic Site's original (and creepy) carriage house! This event is intended for those 16 years and older. Cost is \$15.00/person. Tickets are limited and required. Please call 440-255-8722 for more information or to reserve tickets.

November

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Behind the Scenes Tour

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James A. Garfield Birthday Commemoration

James Abram Garfield was born 180 years ago TODAY! Learn more about his birth, education, family, military service, political career, presidency, and death during programs at his birth site (Garfield Birthplace in Moreland Hills), home (James A. Garfield NHS in Mentor), and burial place (Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland). Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

December

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