2012 Special Events & Programs

September

29 National Public Lands Day

Sign-in at 8:45 a.m. | Visitor Center Lower Parking Lot
Helping Hands for America's Lands, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. During this yearly event, Americans work together to restore and connect with public lands through service projects and outdoor recreation. The efforts of hundreds of thousands of volunteers results in meaningful, positive impacts on communities, health as well as restoration efforts on lands around the nation. This is a rain or shine event.

Contact Ernestine White, park wide Volunteer Program Manager, to find out how you can volunteer!
610-783-1029 or Ernestine_White@nps.gov

October

2 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel
Sean Moir – Historic researcher
"A Fortnight in Chester County: The American Revolution in our Backyard" Follow the movements of the British and American Armies, hour by hour, on a unique electronic map that brings the Philadelphia campaign of 1777 to life.

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10 Home School Day

Home School students are invited to visit Valley Forge for a unique educational experience. Multiple learning stations encourage students to explore topics such as: 18th Century Life, the American Revolution, and natural resources. Our park rangers and dedicated volunteers bring education to life through special programs and hands-on activities designed for school-aged children. Home School Days occur twice a year to meet the demands of the community, once in the fall and the spring. Reservations are required for this program and must be made by Friday, October 5.

November 2012

6 Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel
Thomas J. McGuire – Historian, author, educator
"The Philadelphia Campaign Part II: Germantown and the Roads to Valley Forge" A master story teller shares the human reality of war, and the variety of people caught up in it, during the months before the 1777-78 Valley Forge encampment.

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11 Veterans Day

11 a.m. | National Memorial Arch
Valley Forge National Historical Park invites you to join us at the National Memorial Arch for a special commemoration ceremony for all of America's Veterans. As the birthplace of the American Army, we remember and thank the brave men and women who served and are serving our country. Reception to follow in the Education Center.

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23-25 **Holiday Trolley Tours**

11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.
Hop aboard an old-fashioned trolley and enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of Valley Forge. Tours depart from the front of the Visitor Center and make extended stops at the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts and Washington's Headquarters.
Tour Prices:
$16: Adults, $13: Students, seniors (62 & over) and active military, $8: Children (11 & under)
Call The Encampment Store at 610-783-1074 to reserve tickets and for additional information.

December 2012

4 **Friends of Valley Forge Park Speaker Series**

7 p.m. | Washington Memorial Chapel
Joseph DiBello – Superintendent, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail
"Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail"
The trials, tribulations, and victories of the American Revolution's allied French and American troops as they marched from Newport, Rhode Island to do battle at Yorktown, Virginia.

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19 **Annual March In of the Continental Army Commemoration**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Visitor Center
On December 19, 1777 General George Washington's Continental Army "marched in" to Valley Forge to set up winter quarters. This annual event commemorates their arrival and determination to persevere against insurmountable hardship and difficult conditions during their 6-month encampment. Join us this December 19th and experience an evening in Valley Forge. Take a candle-lit guided walk to the Muhlenberg Brigade huts where you'll encounter a living continental camp. Warm up in the Visitor Center with 18th century music, refreshments, and more.

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