



HERITAGE DAYS

“A Colonial Compass: Navigating Today Through Yesterday”
OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH, 2026



AT THE SITE OF FORT FREELAND & THE HISTORIC WARRIOR RUN CHURCH

— CONTINUOUS ATTRACTIONS THROUGHOUT BOTH DAYS —

Historic Warrior Run Church & Cemetery Open • Bring Native American Artifacts for Identification & Appraisal to Kim Mattern in the Barn • Colonial Music with Susquehanna Travelers (Saturday) & Dulcimer Music (Sunday) • Interact with Mrs. Martha Washington • Encampments of the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment & South Eastern Native Loyalist Confederacy • Traditional Apple Butter Boil • Ground Penetrating Radar Demonstrations by Susquehanna University Students • Children’s Colonial Games with Seven Bridges Susquehanna Scouts Council • Self Tours of the Hower-Slote House & Barn • Frontier Living Demonstrations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

HOURS OF DEMONSTRATIONS: 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

— AT WARRIOR RUN CHURCH —

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Historic Church and Cemetery Open with Rick Wolfe

— AT FORT FREELAND / HOWER-SLOTE FARM —

10:00AM: Raising of the Colors with the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment

10:00AM – 4:00 PM: Strolling Colonial Music performed by the Susquehanna Travelers (*Saturday Only*)

10:00 AM: Pig Crackling Rendering with Ethan Whitmoyer and Volunteers (*Saturday Only*)

10:00AM – 4:00 PM: Apple Butter Boil with June Moser and Volunteers

10:30AM: Herb Gardening by Dawn Shawley

11:00 AM: RE-ENACTMENT: THE BATTLE OF FORT FREELAND. Narrated by Roger Swartz, featuring Fort Freeland Co. of Independent Riflemen (Lynn Otto) and South Eastern Native Loyalist Confederacy (Turtle Swartz)

1:30 PM: Mrs. Martha Washington (Meg Geffken) discoursing on her Life with Gen. George Washington

2:00 PM: RE-ENACTMENT: THE BATTLE OF FORT FREELAND. Full demonstration and tactical engagement with Narrator Roger Swartz

2:30PM: Presentation on the Capitulation of Fort Freeland, delivered on the House Porch by Lynn Otto

3:00 PM: Herb Gardening with Dawn Shawley

3:30 PM: Grand Apprenticeship Parade across the Grounds

4:00 PM: Lowering of the Flag with the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

HOURS OF DEMONSTRATIONS: 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

— AT WARRIOR RUN CHURCH —

10:00AM: Church Service with Pastor Sean McNett, Strawberry Ridge UCC

11:00AM – 3:00 PM: Historic Church and Cemetery Open with Rick Wolfe

— AT FORT FREELAND / HOWER-SLOTE FARM —

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Strolling Music and Instruction of the Hammered Dulcimer by Robert Gutheinz (*Sunday Only*)

11:00AM – 4:00 PM: Traditional Apple Butter Boil with June Moser and Volunteers

11:30AM: Raising of the Colours with the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment.

12:00 PM: Herb Gardening by Dawn Shawley

1:00PM: RE-ENACTMENT: THE BATTLE OF FORT FREELAND. Narrated by Roger Swartz, featuring Fort Freeland Co. of Independent Riflemen (Lynn Otto) and South Eastern Native Loyalist Confederacy (Turtle Swartz)

1:30 PM: Native Trades Presentation at Native Camp Teepee, by Lynn Otto

2:30 PM: Herb Gardening with Dawn Shawley

3:00 PM: Public Apprentice Auction with Weaver’s Auctioneering

3:30 PM: Grand Apprenticeship Parade across the Grounds

4:00 PM: Lowering of the Flag with the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment

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Acquisitions Room: Charlotte Welliver

Apple Cider Pressing: David Barsky

Appliquéd Wool: Kathleen Shafer

Blacksmithing: Lucian Spring (Appr.) & Brad Gray (Master)

Bobbin Lace: Iva Kessler, Faith Lynn & Ciara Spring (Appr.)

Bread Baking: Tom Kashetta

Butter Making: Alicia Susan & Amanda Bridges

Candle Making: Laura Kessler Daniels

Chair Canning: Peter Gardner

Children’s Games: Seven Bridges Boy Scout Troops

Clear Toy Candy: Wayne & Samantha Jacobs

Colonial Artist: David Clark

Coopering: Colin Moore (Appr.), Asher Snoddy (Appr.), Cayden Snyder (Journ.), Levi Watson & Rich Nornhold (Master)

Country Kitchen: Glenda Yost, Leslie Hartline & Karrie Ravert

Fence Post Making: Ed Rovenolt

Flintlock Rifle Display: Steve Myers

Flintlock Rifle Knapping: Jacob Snyder

Fraktur Painting: Marie Burkhart

Genealogy Research: SAR (Tiadaghton) & DAR (Shikelimo)

Grandma’s Wash Day: Ilene Anderson

Gunsmithing: Roy Houseknecht

Hearth Cooking: Maris Kilgus (Journ.) & Peggy Gelnett (Master)

Herb Gardening: Dawn Shawley

Horseradish Preparation: Heidi & Sue Eppenbach

Ice Cream Making: Lisa & Brendan Mowery

Interpretive Center: Drake Owens (Sat.) / John & Daniel Bower (Sun.)

Johnny Appleseed: Randy Watts

Leather Work: Jeff Myers

Local History: Mark Shifflet, Montgomery Historical

Loom Weaving: Irmgard Adams

Native Encampment: Roger & Turtle Swartz

Open Hearth Fire Cooking: Brian Kocher&Nancy Lewis

Paper Making: Gavin Loss

PA German Flax Culture: Alice Schrack, Zulia Schrack, Reuben Crist, Nicole Spring (Appr.) & Abigail Appleman Schrack (Master)

Pickled Cabbage & Sauerkraut: Ruth Ann Mowery

Pie Making: Madison Rovenolt

Popcorn & Potato Candy: Nicole Basiago

Potter: Finnian Spring (Appr.) & Robert Lee (Master)

Pump Making: Steve Moser

Quilting: Gail Moser

Rake Making: Kohen Susan (Appr.) & Brent Susan

Revolutionary War Encampment: Lynn Otto

Rope Making & Bed Stringing: Alex Karn, Chanan Susan, Sam Dunkleberger, Tucker Davis, Ryder Davis (Appr.)

Spinning: Rebekah Richardson

Tape Loom: Tirzah Susan (Appr.)

Tin Smithing: Alexa Spaventa (Appr.) & Scott Gelnett (Master)

Wheelwright: Bradd Mertz

§ PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH PROVISIONS UNDER THE BARN §

Homemade Ham & Bean Soup, Chicken Corn Soup, Ham BBQ Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Hot & Cold Cider, Bottled Water, Birch Beer, Root Beer, Pie by the Slice, Whoopie Pies, and Fry Pies!

** All Demonstrations and Schedule of Events are Subject to Change **

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP PRIOR, DURING AND AFTER THE EVENT!

For further information and a detailed schedule, inquire via Email: info@freelandfarm.org or Visit: <https://freelandfarm.org/heritage-days/>

LOCATIONS: Fort Freeland: 246 Warrior Run Blvd, Turbotville & Historic Warrior Run Church: 41 Warrior Lane, Watsontown

