



VALLEY FORGE PARK ALLIANCE

Inspiring appreciation for and citizen stewardship of Valley Forge Park since 1976.

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Maurice Stephens House Update

Thanks to you, we're just \$150,000 from our goal for the adaptive reuse of the Maurice Stephens House. Take a peek at our [video](#) highlighting the construction progress and our latest version of the donor wall. It's not too late to give or [pledge](#) your commitment to our project - email capitalcampaign@vfparkalliance.org for information.

**Donor wall last updated 3/11/2024.*



\$50,000-\$1M

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of Sons of the Revolution
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In honor of Aedan and Elle Yohannan
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Weed Warriors Returns!



Join the Weed Warriors and assist Natural Resource Management in protecting and restoring native plants, controlling invasive plants, and contributing to the overall health and biodiversity of the park!

Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks associated with vegetation management; specifically removing non-native, invasive vegetation (cutting and hand-pulling), preparing for and planting native species (raking thatch, collecting and spreading seed, planting plugs), and protecting native vegetation from deer (installing fencing).

- Friday, April 12 from 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
- Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Thursday, May 23 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

- Saturday, June 1, time TBD

Please contact Ashley Kroon (Biological Science Technician) at ashley_kroon@nps.gov if you have any questions or if you want to participate, as we will have a limit of 15 people per event. Please note that volunteers under age 18 must participate with an adult. Double check the times when you are signing up because we will switch to morning events in May!

Bark in the Park, April 28

B.A.R.K. in the Park is just a few short weeks away, and we can't wait to see all of your pups inducted as B.A.R.K. Rangers! Big thanks to our sponsor, K9 Resorts of Audubon.

Just a reminder that while this event is free to attend, [registration](#) is required. Alliance members will receive exclusive perks—visit our [website](#) for membership information.

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PARK

SUNDAY,
APRIL 28

11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

WASHINGTON
MEMORIAL CHAPEL
IN
VALLEY FORGE PARK



ALL 4 PAWS
RESCUE

Join us for an afternoon of
pup-centric activities
including B.A.R.K. Ranger
training and induction.



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Independence Day Writing Contest

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, the sister park of Valley Forge National Historical Park, is accepting essay submissions for inclusion in this year's Independence Day programming at the park on July 4. Students in grades 6 – 12 attending school within the boundaries of local school districts of Antietam, Boyertown, Coatesville, Daniel Boone, Downingtown, Exeter, Governor Mifflin, Oley Valley, Owen J Roberts,



Phoenixville, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, Reading, Spring-Ford, Twin Valley, and Wyomissing are encouraged to participate.

Students in grades 9–12 may submit a 500-word or less essay and students in grades 6–8 may submit a 300-word or less essay related to the prompt: What does the word *liberty* mean to you? Essays will be reviewed by a panel of judges with the top three from each grade group receiving cash awards of \$125 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd, and \$75 for 3rd. Top three selectees from each grade group will also be invited to participate in the park's Independence Day public program at 2:00 pm on July 4. Submissions are due **Tuesday, April 30**.

[Learn More](#)

Conquer the Valley! Register for the Revolutionary Run by April 20



For 17 years, the Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-Mile Run® has been a unique challenge for runners of all skill levels. Runners trek a five-mile, USAF-certified course that traverses the scenic Valley Forge National Historical Park. The 18th Annual Rev Run falls over National Park Week and all proceeds from the race go directly back into Valley Forge National

Historical Park to enhance the visitor experience and support our local national treasure.

Since its inception in 2006, Rev Run has raised over \$600,000 for Park infrastructure improvement projects and programming to enhance the visitor experience. 2023 led the way in record-breaking fundraising with a single-year proceed total of \$70,000 that went directly to the Park.

[Register Now](#)

Calling All Chester County Artists!

America250PA is now accepting design submissions from Pennsylvania artists for the "Bells Across PA" art series to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. The selected artists will execute their designs on three-foot tall fiberglass bell sculptures. These bells will be sponsored by businesses or individuals as part of America250PA's efforts to celebrate America's semiquincentennial.



Their goal is to place at least one bell in each of the 67 counties across Pennsylvania.

[Learn More and Submit Your Design](#)

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