



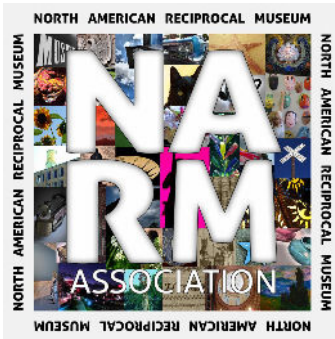
VALLEY FORGE PARK ALLIANCE

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Your Membership, Your Passport to Adventure



Did you know your VFPA membership comes with access to over 1,000 museums, gardens, and historic sites across North America? Explore the beauty of the region this Fall at sites like the Brandywine Museum of Art and the scenic Tyler Arboretum. Just listen to how NARM benefitted member Scott Sibley!

"My wife and I were traveling to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in Massachusetts. After seeing the exhibits in the Visitor Center and around town, we had a little time left. We asked what else we should do. Park Staff said there was a very nice museum across the street, but with a short period of time, it might not be worth the \$23 admission fee.

"Our VFPA Membership in NARM got us free admission. So, as a benefit of our Valley Forge membership, we got to see the New Bedford Whaling Museum. We had plenty of time to climb on the half-scale whaling ship and see the skeletons of four giant whales. It was a great value, since it was free! Our VFPA membership provides great benefits even when we travel."

Unlock the full potential of your membership today. Email membership@vfparkalliance.org for details.

Weed Warriors Wants YOU!

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).



- Thursday, October 24 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Friday, November 8 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Saturday, November 16 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Thursday, December 5 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Saturday, January 11 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Tuesday, January 14 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Events are limited to 15 volunteers for each Weed Warriors, so please RSVP to Ashley Kroon, Biological Science Technician, at 610-783-1047 or ashley_kroon@nps.gov.

Volunteers under age 18 must participate with an adult.

Muster Roll Notepads - A Great Add-On



The Valley Forge Muster Roll, a Legacy Project of the Valley Forge Park Alliance, attended Homeschool Day 2024 at Valley Forge National Historical Park on Tuesday, October 8. It was a very successful for the Park and for the Muster Roll/VFPA. Our table was very busy the whole day and the students/their parents were eager to learn what a Muster Roll was, how to research for an ancestor, what info is on a Muster Roll, and what was

the purpose of a Muster Roll. The Junior Ranger pamphlets were great and after we taught the students about the Muster Roll, they answered their questions so they could get a Junior Ranger badge.

Homeschool Day is one of the most-attended events at VFNHP and this year was no exception. About 2,000 were in attendance on an absolutely beautiful day! Educational packets on the Muster Roll can be found on www.valleyformusterroll.org. Teaching our next generation about the soldiers at the encampment at Valley Forge is important! Help us continue our efforts by joining the Honorary Muster Roll at valleyformusterroll.org/honorary-muster-roll-2/. Thanks for your support!

National Dog Show November 16-17



Calling all dog lovers!

One of our favorite events of the year is the National Dog Show at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA from November 16 to 17. We work with our friends at the National Dog Show on various events and promotions.

The National Dog Show is filled with perfect pooches and competitions for all ages to enjoy. This event is one of the most family-friendly attractions featuring almost 200 different dog breeds. Beyond the competitions, there are 75 different expo booths and vendors with free samples and pet products to explore.

Tickets are available at <https://nds.nationaldogshow.com/>

Sponsor a Wreath for Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2024, the Valley Forge Park Alliance and the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge will be proud to lay wreaths in honor of the 2,000 soldiers and women who died during the six-month encampment of 1777-1778. Wreaths will be laid at Washington Memorial Chapel.



Please consider sponsoring a wreath. What

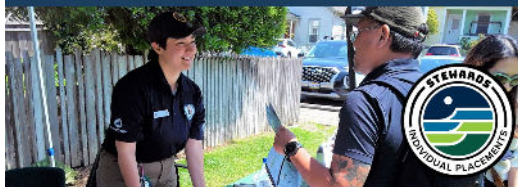
does that mean? It means you have the opportunity to join a grateful nation in saying "thank you" to our veterans. Remember, you can sponsor wreaths year round. The Alliance receives \$5 for every wreath sponsored. Thank you for helping us Remember, Honor, and Teach!

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The Park is Looking for a Community Volunteer Ambassador!



Apply to be a **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBASSADOR!**
Work in a National Park!



The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) program combines the strength of a national leader in conservation service with the National Park Service in order to train a diverse group of emerging leaders to assist park units in building lasting connections to local communities. Over 100 young professionals will serve as CVA members for 50-52 week terms at NPS sites across the country from Hawaii to Florida, over the course of the year.

The primary supervisor is the Valley Forge Park's Digital Experience Specialist, and the secondary supervisor is the Manager of Natural Resources. The scope of the CVA's work will support new and ongoing projects on both teams, and the supervisor will collaborate with the CVA to identify passion projects that align with this dual role. Depending on the interests and goals of the CVA, work may include website and social media content creation, audio/video production, graphic design, helping the public plan their park visit at the visitor center, interpretive and educational programming, conducting wildlife and vegetation surveys, writing reports and briefs, and supporting existing volunteer programs.

[Read the Full Job Description](#)

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Life's Patina Holiday Barn Sale, November 15-17

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at the Life's Patina Holiday Barn Sale! Each holiday season, Life's Patina transforms their historic two-story bank barn into an enchanted shopping

experience, packed with both vintage and new holiday décor, home accessories, thoughtful gifts, charming furniture and unique architectural salvage. As you wander through their beautifully curated finds and creative displays, soak in the festive atmosphere and spirit of the season. Plus, delight your senses with tastings from local makers and purveyors of artisanal foods and explore delightful creations from talented local artisans. A portion of all sales benefit a local charity partner. It's a festive shopping experience like no other! No tickets required.



Dates:

- Friday, November 15 (10 am-5 pm)
- Saturday, November 16 (10 am-5 pm)
- Sunday, November 17 (10 am-4 pm)

Address: Willowbrook Farm - 1750 North Valley Road, Malvern, PA 19355

To learn more, visit their [website](#), or follow along on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

PS: If you have a donor-advised fund, now is the time to recommend a grant to ensure it's received by year-end. Thank you!

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