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## LancasterHistory's Civil War Living History Encampment returns for 2019 with new educational programs, activities

*The two-day Encampment will feature reenactors, children's programs, Lantern Tours, and more.*

Lancaster, PA (September 16, 2019) – On Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, the Civil War Living History Encampment will return to LancasterHistory's Campus of History. Civil War reenactors from across the region will set up a Federal (Union) camp, educational displays, and more to recreate Civil War-era Lancaster and the pressures of protecting the former U.S. President James Buchanan and his home. Soldier and civilian tents will dot the Campus of History grounds where visitors will be able to view military drills, chat with the soldiers, and attend various educational programs for free throughout the weekend.

On **Saturday, October 12**, the following **free** activities will be available:

- **10am - Civil War Storytime**
  - Join LancasterHistory educators for a Civil War Storytime as we read *B is for Battle Cry: A Civil War Alphabet* by Patricia Bauer and learn about the Civil War. (Recommended for children ages 4-9, but all ages welcome.)
- **11am - Historic Clothing & Dress Up**
  - Why did women of the Civil War Era wear hoop skirts? Why did the men look so serious? Come learn about how people dressed in the 1860s. LancasterHistory staff

will show attendees the different layers of clothing that went into achieving the popular styles of the period. Children are invited to try on historic costumes to experience the clothing first-hand. (All ages welcome.)

- **1pm - Make A Handkerchief Doll**
  - Popular during the Civil War, handkerchief dolls were fun and easy to make. Materials provided while supplies last. (Children of all ages welcome.)
- **2pm - Historic Dancing**
  - Join LancasterHistory staff and 1860s dancers to "step" into the past! Costumed interpreters will demonstrate a dance called "Soldier's Joy" that was popular during the Civil War. Attendees are invited to learn the steps and join in on the fun. (All ages welcome; no partner or dance experience necessary.)
- **6-8pm - Lantern Tours**
  - Attendees can experience the camps and campus at dusk as you wind through the grounds lit by luminaries and listen to first-person portrayals by costumed reenactors tell about the Civil War and soldiers' experiences. Tours on the 1/2 hour from 6-8pm. (All ages welcome. Flashlights encouraged.)

**Also available on Saturday, October 12:**

- **Guided tours of Wheatland** will be available from 10am - 3pm at a special, discounted rate. For October 12, 2019 *only*, adult and senior admission is \$2 off and all children ages 17 and younger are free! (This special rate cannot be combined with other discounts.)
  - **Tickets** are available in advance online or at the door on a first come, first served basis. [CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS](#)
- Join Lancaster Transplant and LancasterHistory for a special ***Pints with the President*** from 5:30-8pm. Alongside plentiful, Victorian-inspired champagne punch, pints and small bites will be available to enjoy on the lawn of President Buchanan's Wheatland. The home will be open for self-paced tours from 5:30-7pm, with opportunities to learn about Pennsylvania's only president (and his vast alcohol collection). A special curator's tour of Wheatland, focusing on little-known stories about the house and Buchanan, will be offered at 7pm for those who want to take a deeper dive into history.
  - **Tickets** are \$20 for Lancaster Transplant members and \$25 for non-members. Curator's Tour is an additional \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance online through Lancaster Transplant or at the door. [CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS.](#)

- Limit 2 pints or 1 punch per guest. Must be 21 years or older with valid ID.

**The Civil War Living History Encampment** takes place on Saturday, October 12 from 9am - 5pm (except the Lantern Tours from 6-8pm) and Sunday, October 13 from 10am - 4pm at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster, PA. The Encampment is free and open to the public. Parking available on-site, but carpooling is encouraged if applicable.

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### **IMAGES**

**Union Camp with Reenactors**

**Tent**

**Homefront Scene**

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