



Spring Camporee



251 Curtin Road
Howard, Pennsylvania 16841

Friday, April 24, 2026, Saturday, April 25, 2026,
and Sunday, April 26, 2026

Hosted by: Howard Pack and Troop 353

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Welcome

We are glad you are joining us at Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village for the Juniata Valley Council 2026 Spring Camporee. As you take a journey back in time through our American Heritage, we hope you enjoy a meaningful learning experience while making new friends, creating lasting memories, and enjoying a great spring weekend.

This year's Camporee is proudly hosted by Pack 353 and Troop 353 of Howard, PA.

To register, please visit:

<https://scoutingevent.com/497-110875>

Visit the Juniata Valley Council
Spring Camporee Page
for more information!



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For the most up-to-date documents and electronic copies of Camporee materials, visit the Spring 2026 Camporee at Curtin Village Google Drive folder.

Spring 2026 Camporee at
Curtin Village Google Folder



https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gpPFygKI47BgD4m0rH9rY51F0rDYEeWC?usp=drive_link



Important Information

Pre-Registration Information

- ✓ ALL UNITS are REQUIRED to Pre-Register Online at <https://scoutingevent.com/497-110875>
- ✓ REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE- PER PARTICIPANT* (*CUB SCOUT, SCOUT, ADULT)
 - Early Bird fee is \$15.00, payable by Friday, April 10, 2026.
 - Regular fee is \$18.00, payable by Thursday, April 23, 2026.
 - Late/Same Day fee is \$20.00.
- ✓ Registration is limited to the first 400 participants.
- ✓ Fees are set by the council office.
- ✓ Fees are due by 5:00 PM on the cut-off day for discount levels.
- ✓ Per council refund policy: *"Due to the lead time for expenses associated with this event, refunds will not be issued unless the event is cancelled."*

Contact Information

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Internet Information

Camporee Webpage

<https://scoutingevent.com/497-110875>

Please note: The electronic version of this book in PDF format and important updates will be hosted at this webpage.

Black Pug (Pre-Registration Site)

<https://scoutingevent.com/497-110875>

JVC Council Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/jvcbsa

Find updates and other information on the Camporee

Introduction

Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks Historical Site

Curtin Village preserves the remains of one of Pennsylvania's longest-running ironworks. Founded in 1810 by Irish immigrant Roland Curtin, Sr. and Miles Boggs, Eagle Ironworks operated for an incredible 112 years, closing in 1921. At a time when most iron companies lasted only about 15 years, Curtin's operation was truly remarkable. It was also Pennsylvania's last charcoal-fueled iron furnace.

Today, the site includes the ironmaster's mansion, workers' houses, furnace stack, grist mill, and other historic buildings. Curtin Village was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

A Village Built on Iron

Iron-making required many different skills. About half of the workers made charcoal, a labor-intensive job that depended on the seasons. Others mined iron ore and limestone, while skilled workers ran the furnace, forge, and rolling mill.

Support workers such as blacksmiths, carpenters, masons, teachers, ministers, and shopkeepers helped the community function like a small town. In 1850, the ironworks employed 181 men, though many worked seasonally. Women were also paid employees, and Roland Curtin hired a small number of paid African American workers before the Civil War.

Life in a Company Village

At its peak, Curtin Village had more than 60 houses for workers and their families, along with farmland for food and livestock. Housing was provided by the company, with size and quality based on job type. Many homes included space for gardens and animals.

The Curtin family followed a paternalistic system. They lived among the workers, provided housing and credit at the company store, and even found work for employees during shutdowns. Some workers felt loyal to the Curtins, while others resented the strict social hierarchy and control over jobs, housing, and daily life. Despite its challenges, this self-contained community helped Eagle Ironworks survive wars, economic changes, and new technology for over a century.



Visit Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village webpage to learn more!



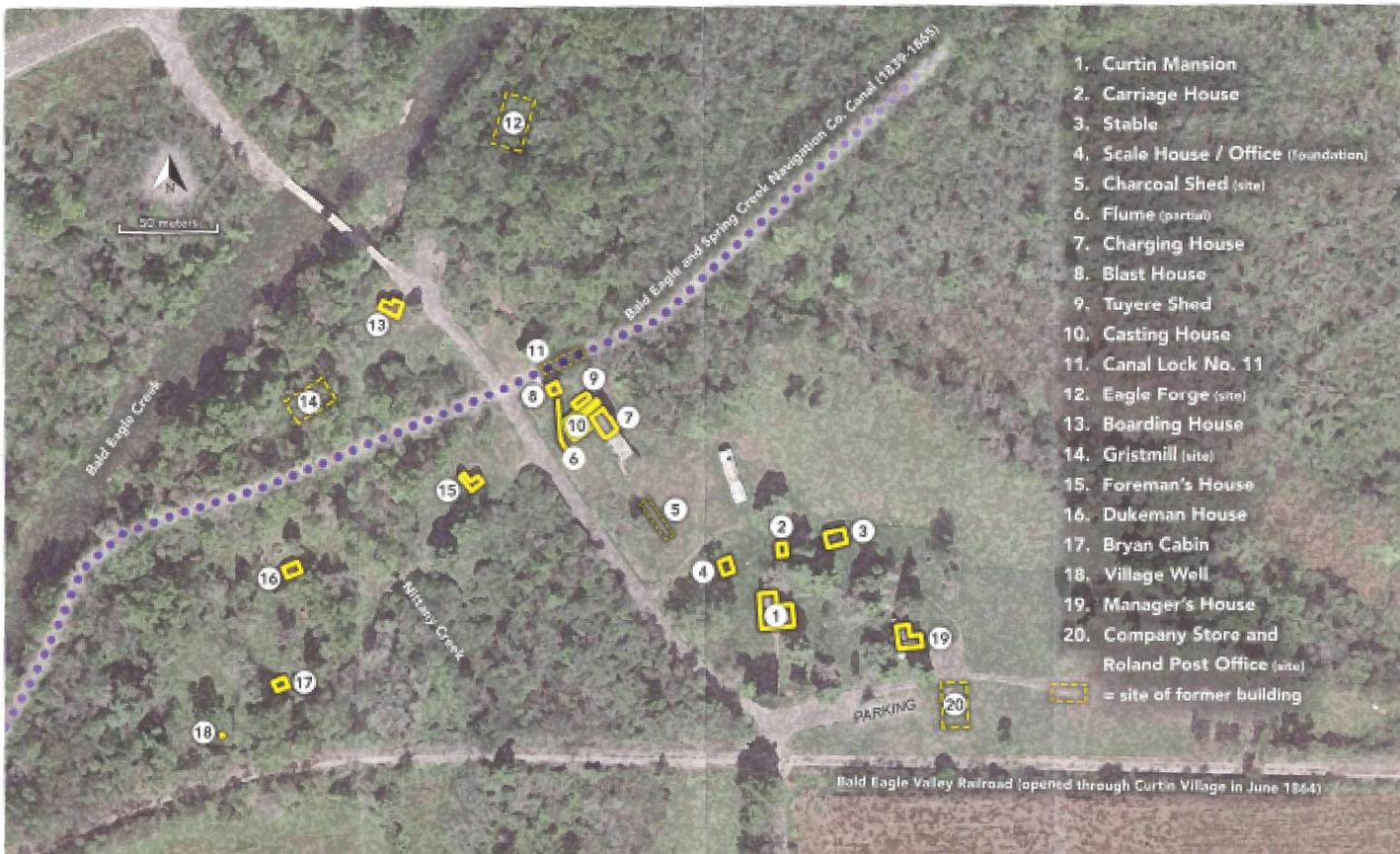
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Map of Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village

NUMBER ON MAP	SESSION AND LOCATION
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TBA	The Evolution of the American Flag
TBA	Flag Etiquette
TBA	Black Smith Demonstration
TBA	Leatherworking Demonstration
TBA	Hand Hewn Logs
Tent behind Mansion	Careers in American Government
Pavillion	Counselor's Talk
TBA	Charcoal Making
12	Eagle Forge



Session Information



Curtin Mansion Tour

 Curtin Mansion

 Curtin Village Staff

 30 minutes

Built in 1830–1831 by ironmaster Roland Curtin, the Curtin Mansion is a well-preserved example of Federal-era architecture. The home features original floors, woodwork, and a beautiful central staircase. Inside its 15 rooms, Scouts will see 19th-century furnishings and everyday objects, including a hand-made cradle, a tall mahogany bed, period furniture, glassware, clothing, toys, and even Native American arrowheads found nearby. During the tour, guides share how the Curtin family lived and explain the architectural features that make this historic mansion special.



Cabin Village (Workers') Tour

 Bryan Cabin

 Curtin Village Staff

 30 minutes

The Cabin Village shows how ironworkers and their families lived in the early 1800s. Restored log cabins display daily life, including cooking, chores, and family routines, giving a glimpse of life in a 19th-century industrial village..



Furnace Charging Area

 Charging House (Bridge House)

 Curtin Village Staff

 30 minutes

The Charging House, also called the Bridge House, was where workers prepared and loaded the furnace with iron ore, limestone, and charcoal. The furnace produced molten iron, which was poured into molds to make pig iron for shipping, refining, or the foundry.

Session Information



Casting Room

 Casting House

 Curtin Village Staff

 15 minutes

The Casting House is where molten iron from the furnace was poured into sand molds to create pig iron. Once cooled, the blocks were shipped, refined at Eagle Forge, or used in the foundry. The furnace stack was rebuilt in 1977 to preserve this historic site.



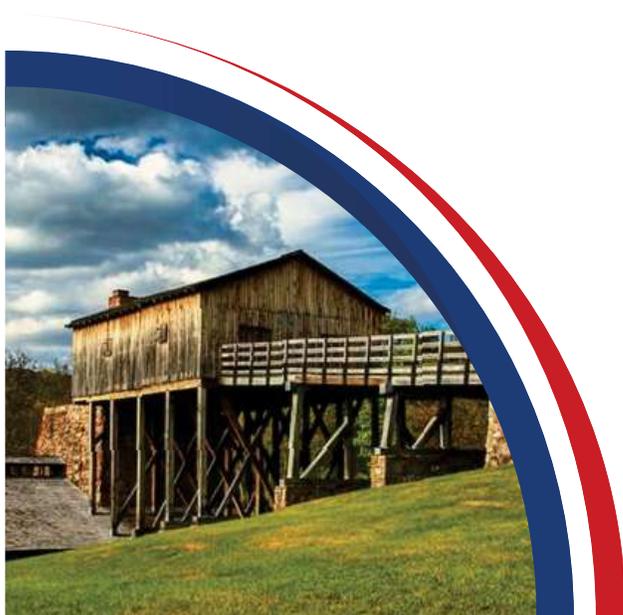
Water Wheel and Bellow

 Flume

 Curtin Village Staff

 15 minutes

Water from a dam on Nittany Creek was channeled through a wooden conduit to power the water wheel in the Blast House. The wheel's downward slope created a steady flow that operated the bellows, forcing air into the furnace to reach the high heat needed for ironmaking. The wooden flume you see today is a reconstructed version assembled in the 1970s.



Canal Lock No. 11

 Charging House (Bridge House)

 Matt Maris

 30 minutes

The Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Canal was a 25-mile waterway built between 1837 and 1848 to connect Flemington in Clinton County to Bellefonte, passing through Howard and the Eagle Iron Works. Boats traveled along the canal, using locks like Cana Lock No. 11 to move up and down the terrain. The canal system helped transport raw materials and iron products but was mostly destroyed by flooding in 1864, shortly after the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad opened.

Session Information



History of Curtin Village

 Manager's House

 Curtin Village Staff

 15 minutes

Curtin Village History Video

Watch a short video that introduces the history of Curtin Village and Eagle Iron Works. Learn how this 19th-century iron-making community supported early American industry and what daily life was like for the families who lived and worked there.



Governor Curtin

 Manager's House

 Curtin Village Staff

 15 minutes

This video focuses on the early life of Andrew Gregg Curtin, who later served as Governor of Pennsylvania during the Civil War. The Curtin Mansion in Howard was built by his father, Roland Curtin, Sr., an Irish immigrant whose family played an important role in the region's history. Known as the "Soldiers' Friend," Governor Curtin went on to support Pennsylvania's soldiers and their families, leaving a lasting legacy across the Commonwealth.



The Evolution of the American Flag

 TBA

 Tom Palchak

 30 minutes

Explore the history of the American flag through the extensive collection of Mr. Tom Palchak. This session highlights the evolution of the flag, its symbolism, and its role in American history. Visitors will see a variety of historic and modern flags and learn the stories behind the stars and stripes.

Session Information



American Flag Etiquette

 TBA

 Tom Long, Howard Scoutmaster

 30 minutes

Scouts will learn the proper ways to display, fold, and honor the American flag. The session covers flag history, symbolism, and the rules for handling, raising, and retiring the flag with respect. Hands-on practice and discussion help Scouts understand why flag etiquette matters in everyday life. Scouts will be required to lash a flag pole.



Blacksmith Demonstration

 TBA

 Seth Greene

 30 minutes

Watch history come alive as a blacksmith demonstrates traditional ironworking techniques. See how raw iron is heated, shaped, and forged into tools, hardware, and other objects using methods that powered the 19th-century Eagle Iron Works. This demonstration highlights the skill, strength, and craftsmanship of early industrial workers.



Leatherworking Demonstration

 TBA

 Rich Watters

 30 minutes

See traditional leatherworking techniques in action, just as they were used in the 19th century. Watch how raw leather is cut, shaped, and crafted into tools, belts, and other everyday items. This demonstration highlights the skill and craftsmanship of workers who supported life and industry at Eagle Iron Works.

Session Information



Hand-Hewn Log Working

 TBA

 Brett Cowan, The Gully Shop

 30 minutes

Discover the traditional craft of hand-hewn log construction, used to build cabins and structures in the 19th century. Watch how logs are shaped, notched, and fitted together using period tools and techniques, demonstrating the skill and teamwork required by early settlers and ironworkers' families.



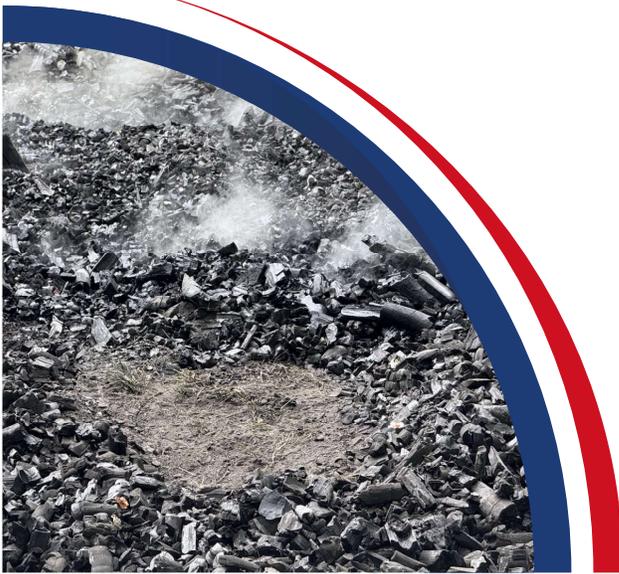
Careers in American Government

 Behind the mansion (by the Bell of America) under the tent

 State Representative Glenn "G.T." Thompson

 30 minutes

Explore the many paths in American government and public service, from local leadership to national office. Learn about the role of a U.S. Representative through the work of G.T. Thompson, who represents Howard and the surrounding communities, and discover how citizens can make an impact in their government at every level.



Charcoal Making

 TBA

 Paul Fagley, Retired Greenwood Furnace Naturalist

 30 minutes

Watch the traditional 24-hour charcoal-making process used at 19th-century ironworks. Wood is slowly burned in a controlled, low-oxygen environment to produce charcoal, the essential fuel for the iron furnace. This demonstration shows the patience, skill, and careful timing required to create this vital industrial resource.

Session Information

American Heritage Badge Information



Counselor's Talk

 Pavillion

 American Heritage Merit Badge Staff

 30 minutes

Scouts working on their American Heritage Badge are required to meet with Merit Badge Counselors to review prerequisites, receive additional instruction, and get answers to any questions. This session ensures each participant completes their badge requirements during the camporee.

Visit <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american-heritage/> for information on the American Heritage Merit Badge. Please see page 12 for more details.



<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american-heritage/>

Cub Scout Program

Cub Scout Information



Cub Scout Program

 Curtin Village and Eagle Iron Works

 Scavenger Hunt & Period-time Games

 TBA

Cub Scouts may camp for the weekend and are encouraged to participate fully in the Camporee experience. Cub Scouts will take part in the same program as the troops, with the exception of the flagpole lashing activity.

During that time, Cub Scouts will create a compass and then use it to complete a short scavenger hunt.

Period-time games will also be available on the lawn for Cub Scouts to enjoy throughout the session.

American Heritage Badge Requirements

The following requirements for the American Heritage Badge will be completed during the Spring Camporee at Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village. Scouts must complete two prerequisites before arriving at the camporee; all other requirements will be covered during the event with the guidance of Merit Badge Counselors.

Flag Etiquette and The Evolution of the American Flag Sessions will meet requirements 3b.

3b. For the following: describe its adoption, tell about any changes since its adoption, and explain how each one continues to influence Americans today:

- The flag
- The Pledge of Allegiance
- The Great Seal of the United States
- The motto
- The national anthem

4. Do two of the following:

Counselor Talk and Curtin Mansion Tour will meet requirements for 4a.

a. Explain the National Register of Historic Places and how a property becomes eligible for listing in the National Register

Camporee Attendance and Counselor's Talk Session will meet requirements for 4b.

b. Visit a historic trail or walk in your area. After your visit, share with your counselor what you have learned. Discuss the importance of this location and explain why you think it might qualify for National Register listing.

5. Do one of the following:

Governor Curtin session will meet requirements for 5b.

b. Read a biography of someone who has made a contribution to America's heritage. Tell some things you admire about this individual and some things you do not admire. Explain why you think this person has made a positive or negative contribution to America's heritage.

Attending Careers in American Government session will meet requirements for 6.

6. Discuss with your counselor the career opportunities in American Heritage. Pick one that interests you and explain how to prepare for this career. Discuss what education and training are required for this career.

American Heritage Badge Pre-Requisites

The following American Heritage Badge requirements must be completed before the Camporee.

1. Read the Declaration of Independence. Pay close attention to the section that begins with "We hold these truths to be self-evident" and ends with "to provide new Guards for their future security." Rewrite that section in your own words, making it as easy to understand as possible. Then, share your writing with your counselor and discuss the importance of the Declaration to all Americans.

2. Do TWO of the following:

- (a) Select two individuals from American history, one a political leader (a president, senator, etc.) and the other a private citizen (a writer, religious leader, etc.). Find out about each person's accomplishments and compare the contributions each has made to America's heritage.
- (b) With your counselor's approval, choose an organization that has promoted some type of positive change in American society. Find out why the organization believed this change was necessary and how it helped to accomplish the change. Discuss how this organization is related to events or situations from America's past.
- (c) With your counselor's approval, interview two veterans of the U.S. military. Find out what their experiences were like. Ask the veterans what they believe they accomplished.
- (d) With your counselor's approval, interview three people in your community of different ages and occupations. Ask these people what America means to them, what they think is special about this country, and what American traditions they feel are important to preserve.

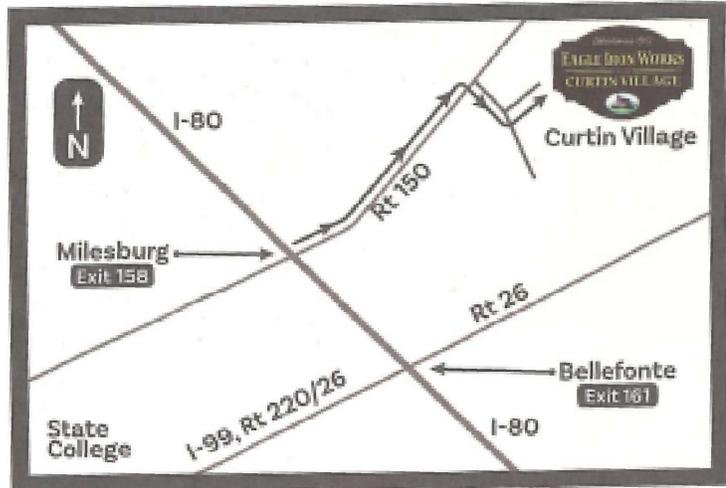
3. Do the following:

- (a) Select a topic related to the United States that is currently in the news. Describe to your counselor what is happening. Explain how today's events are related to or affected by the events and values of America's past.
- (c) Research your family's history. Find out how various events and situations in American history affected your family. If your family immigrated to America, tell the reasons why. Share what you find with your counselor.

Directions

Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village

📍 251 Curtin Road Howard, PA 16841



From I-80 take Exit 150 Milesburg. Turn onto PA Route 150 north. Drive 2.5 miles and turn right at the Curtin 1 → sign onto Curtin Road. If arriving from the northeast via PA Route 150, this is a left-hand turn. Proceed across the bridge. Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Mansion is on your left. Parking is available between the Mansion and the railroad tracks.

Parking

Please look for posted signs upon arrival.

Limited parking is available between the Mansion and the railroad tracks.

Camporee Check In

Scout leaders should check in upon arrival at the registration table located near the main entrance of Curtin Village. Each Pack or Troop will be assigned a parking and camping area. At that time, you will also receive a schedule for the weekend including rotation schedules, directions, updates, and merit badge information.

Facilities Information



Restrooms

There will be portable toilets available on the grounds, including handicap-accessible units. Hand-washing stations will be located nearby.



Water Availability

A fresh water truck with a spigot will be located in a central area for Scouts to use. Day program attendees may refill their water bottles here. Units will be responsible for transporting water from the filling station to their campsites.



First Aid

An EMT will be on the grounds for the entire event, along with a first aid trailer. If you have a medical need during the weekend, please go to the designated first aid station.



Food

Day Visitors

Food will be available to purchase, or you may bring a packed lunch. Even better, Cubs are encouraged to make plans with a Troop and join them for lunch at their campsite!



Electricity

There is no electricity available on site due to the historic nature of Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village.

Facilities Information



Unloading & Parking

There will be an unloading area for easier access to set up camp. After unloading, please move all vehicles to the designated parking area.



Fires

Campsites may have fires in Troop/Pack-supplied raised fire pits. No ground fires are permitted. Raised cooking equipment is allowed.



Shelter

There are no tables, pavilions, or canopies at the campsites. Please bring your own as needed.



Gray Water Disposal

Campers should bring a bucket to haul gray water from their campsite to the designated gray water disposal tank.



Trash Disposal

This is a Pack It In, Pack It Out event. Do not leave trash bags on site; all trash must be taken home for disposal. This is a great opportunity to pack light and consider ways to minimize waste generated over the weekend.

Tenative Schedule



Friday, April 24, 2026

4:30 PM	Check-in begins/Camp Set-up/Dinner with your unit.
9:00 PM	Unit Leader/SPL Meeting and Cracker Barrel
11:00 PM	Lights Out/Quiet Time

Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:00 AM	Breakfast with your unit
8:00 AM	Day Program Check-in
8:45 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony
9:00 AM	Sessions Begin (Schedule and Rotations provided at Check-in/Registration)
11:45 AM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Sessions Resume
4:00 PM	Cub Scout/Day Participants: Family Pick-up
5:00 PM	Dinner with your unit
6:45 PM	Evening Flags and Line-Up for Campfire
7:00 PM	Campfire and OA Call-Out
9:00 PM	OA Social
11:00 PM	Lights Out/Quiet Time

Sunday, April 26, 2026

7:00 AM	Breakfast with your unit
9:00 AM	Chapel and Flag Ceremony
10:00 AM	Site Inspection and Check-Out

Visit America 250 PA to learn more about the Bells of America.



https://www.america250pa.org/PPF_Bells_Across_PA



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FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY

Unit Type and No.	
Onsite Leader	

Leader Cell	
Leader Email	

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REGISTRATIONS must be paid by date indicated to receive that rate:

Type	Total Number of Participants	4/10/26 \$15.00	4/23/26 \$18.00	4/24/26 or 4/25/26 \$20.00	Subtotal
Cub Scout					
Troop/Crew					
Adult					
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