

Information for Birthday Parties

Thank you for booking a birthday party at Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead (CPF)! **PLEASE REFER TO THIS PAGE** for important information about your visit.

Birthday parties are a 3-hour experience that includes two colonial activities of your choice, learning about the site's heritage breed animals, exploration of the colonial house, and reserved space in the picnic grove.

Prior to Your Visit

Payment

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of booking to reserve the party date. The remaining balance of your invoice is due at least one week prior to your party date. Please refer to the specific due date listed on your invoice.

Changes in Party Size

If the number of participants in your group is different than originally scheduled, please call the office before the date of your party (610-566-1725) to let us know. Children totals must be finalized at least one week prior to the party. Due to the nature of the planned activities, we are unable to accommodate additional children the day of. Maximum child participant total is 20 children. Additional adults may join the group on the day of the party at the rate of \$10.00 per person paid in our gift shop or directly to your guide (check or exact cash please) if the shop is closed. CPF will refund up to two non-attending children.

Weather

The Farmstead is open rain or shine, except in cases of dangerous weather. In the event of inclement weather, we can provide a covered space. Activities may be adjusted due to weather. If you would like to reschedule because of the weather, please call the office at **610-566-1725** at least two days before your party. If you need to reach someone on the day of your party, call the Education Coordinator at **484-424-9381**. It is *your decision* to cancel as long as the condition of the site is not a safety issue. In all cases the \$100 deposit is nonrefundable, but if you reschedule your party we will apply the deposit to the rescheduled date.

Cancellation and Rescheduling

If you reschedule your party within 2 weeks of the date for any reason other than inclement weather, you will be subject to a \$25 rescheduling fee. Deposit is nonrefundable.

Day of Your Party

If you need to contact the Farmstead on the day of your trip, you must call the Education Coordinator at **484-424-9381**. Note that this number differs from our office phone because our office is closed on weekends.

Decorations and Food & Drink

Please supply your own tablecloths, decorations, plates, flatware, napkins, and related items, and drinks and food, if desired. As a "Leave No Trace" site, we do not have any public trash receptacles so please be sure to bring your own trash bags. Filled bags are the responsibility of the group and are to be deposited in the site's parking lot dumpster. For the health and safety of

our animals, no balloons or confetti are allowed. Due to state park regulations, alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted on the premises. Any guest violating this rule will be asked to leave.

Restrooms

Please be aware that our bathroom facilities are located on-site at the top of a hill near our barns. They are not close to the parking lot. Plan to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

Arrival and Departure

10 AM Party

If you are bringing supplies for the party, you may drive on-site using the private access road located about one mile down the road from our parking lot (and on the same side of the road as the lot) and park near our farmhouse to unload between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. After that, you must park your vehicle in the main parking lot. Due to public visitation, after the party the private access road will not be available but we can help carry items to your car in the main parking lot.

Special Information for 1 PM Party

If you are bringing supplies for the party, consider arriving a half hour early to unload your car in the main parking lot and carry items to the picnic area. After the party, because our site will then be closed to the public, you may drive on-site using the private access road located about one mile down the road from our main parking lot (and on the same side of the road as the lot) and park near our farmhouse to load your vehicle.

What to Wear

Almost your entire visit will take place outdoors, and our buildings are neither heated nor air-conditioned, so dress for the weather! We also recommend sturdy, closed-toe shoes as best for our uneven terrain and areas “covered” by some of our farm animals.

Animals

Group participants will have an opportunity to see many of our heritage-breed animals. Out of concern for the health and safety of both our animals and our visitors, we ask that you refrain from petting, chasing or yelling at the animals.

We are so glad that you have chosen the Farmstead for your party. Remember that our rules and guidelines are in place to ensure that you have a fun and safe experience. Feel free to contact the office at 610-566-1725 if you have any questions. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Directions

GPS Address: Please note that GPS guidance occasionally misdirects drivers to a private residence in Ridley Creek State Park. Having our directions, which are on our website and reproduced below, as back-up is highly recommended!

CPF is located in [Ridley Creek State Park](#), Edgmont Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Our **GPS address is 3900 North Sandy Flash Drive, Newtown Square, PA 19073** (or you can enter our full name, *Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead*). This is our physical location, not our mailing address. We are located at parking lot #4 in Ridley Creek State Park.

***Note:** CPF offices are located inside the Ridley Creek State Park mansion. This is in a separate location from the farm. You will find plenty of signage along Gradyville Road in the park for both the mansion and our site.*

From the “Blue Route” (Route 476) – Exit at Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Follow Route 3 toward West Chester. Drive approximately 7.5 miles. Go a half mile beyond Providence Road and look on the left for the entrance to Ridley Creek State Park (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

From Route 202 South – Exit at Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Head east on Route 3 toward Newtown Square/Broomall. Drive approximately 5 miles. Go about 1 mile beyond Delchester Road. Signs for Ridley Creek State Park are on the right (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

From Paoli – Take Route 252 south. Follow the signs toward Newtown Square/Media. Go to the intersection of Route 252 and Route 3 (West Chester Pike). Turn right onto Route 3. Drive toward West Chester approximately 3 miles. Go a half mile beyond Providence Road. Signs for Ridley Creek State Park are on the left (North Sandy Flash Drive). Enter the Park and go about 1.5 miles. The CPF parking lot is on the right.

Coordinates: Latitude: 39.965 Longitude: -75.4511.

Parking: There is ample free parking in the lot located outside the main entrance.

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