

Information for Scout Groups

Office: 610-566-1725

Education Coordinator: 484-424-9381

We are so glad you have booked a visit to Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead (CPF)!
PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE to refer to before and on the day of your trip.

Prior to Visit

Payment

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of booking to reserve your visit date. The remaining balance of your invoice is due at least one week prior to your scheduled visit. Please consult your invoice for specific payment details and due date. Contact the office with any questions.

Changes in Number of Participants

If you have changed the number of children participants in your trip since paying your final invoice, please call the office to alert us. Additional participants should bring payment on the day of the trip, either cash or check. Cash should be exact change, as our staff are not equipped to receive credit card payments and are not able to make change. Due to the hands-on nature of the planned activities, we are unable to accommodate more than four additional children the day of. CPF will refund up to two non-attending Scouts.

Payment for Additional Adults

If you have added adults to your trip, your group will be subject to an additional charge at the regular rate of \$10 per adult. Please refer to your invoice and call the office at least one week prior to your visit with any changes. If this additional payment is needed the day of, please bring on the trip either exact change or a check in an envelope marked with the total number of additional adults and the amount enclosed and give it to your guide. Our staff cannot take time from the scheduled program to process credit card payments or make change.

Inclement Weather Policies and Procedure; Cancellations

CPF will run your program rain or shine except in the event of extreme and dangerous weather conditions. If you wish to reschedule or cancel your trip for inclement weather, please call our office during our hours of operation (Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm) to choose another date or initiate a refund, as appropriate. If weather has forced a cancellation and we cannot reschedule your trip, we will issue a full refund (less the \$100 non refundable deposit). There will be no refunds or credits for any other cancellations not based on the weather unless agreed upon in advance by our Program Director.

In case of inclement weather on the morning of your trip, our Education Coordinator will contact you. If you have not received a call and you wish to reschedule or discuss your options, please call the Education Coordinator as early as possible.

Day of Visit

Contacting Us on the Day of Your Trip; Late Arrival

If you need to contact CPF on the day of your trip, you must call our Education Coordinator at **484-424-9381**. Note that this number differs from our office phone because our office is closed on weekends. Please call if you are running late. If you are more than 15 minutes late we may have to shorten or otherwise alter your program to fit the new time constraints.

Arrival Procedure

Please aim to arrive in the CPP parking lot about 10 minutes prior to the start of your program so that we may organize your group and start your program on time, but no earlier than 30 minutes before your program start time. Your guides will meet you at the gate.

Be aware that our bathroom facilities are located at the top of a hill near our barns. They are not close to the parking lot.

Chaperones

Adult chaperones must remain with their groups. We rely on them to engage with the Scouts and our staff, providing guidance and encouragement to the Scouts throughout the visit. Please keep cell phone use to a minimum so as not to detract from the group experience.

Lunch at CPF

Your group is welcome to eat lunch at our site. Participants should carry their lunches individually upon arrival to our staging area, where we can collect and store them. It can be difficult to transport lunches on the long, uphill walk to our staging area if you store them together in your own bins beforehand. We have a picnic grove with tables or, in light rain, we will seat your group in sheltered areas such as our wagon barn.

There is no on-site trash can available. You must bring your own trash bags for lunch time, and take your trash with you at the end of the program to dispose of in the parking lot dumpsters.

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. We provide an active and interactive experience for both Scouts and adults, so both should follow these dress guidelines.

Animals

Group participants will have an opportunity to see many of the heritage-breed animals at CPF. 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.

Directions

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!

Our GPS location 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.

CPF is located in Ridley Creek State Park, Edgmont Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Note: CPF's offices are located inside the Ridley Creek State Park mansion. This is in a separate location from our site. 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. CPF's 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. CPF's 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. CPF's 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 for everyone including buses.