

Extend the program with these *supplementary activities*:

- Colonial clothing
- Scherenschnitte (scissor cutting)
- Toys & Games
- Butter making
- Nature Walk
- Quill penmanship/early school lessons
- Farm chores
- Colonial manners & customs
- Revolutionary War Soldier



Outreach programs~

Many of the programs offered at the Farmstead also work well as a presentation at your school, including:

“Charlie Needs a Cloak” program

Colonial Life program

Supplementary Activities

(See list above)

Cub Scout programs~

Talk to one of our staff to coordinate a trip for your Cub Scout group to work towards a theme or *achievement*.

“Thank you for the great trip. We learned a lot about familys [sic] life long ago.”

Scouts of Den 4, Pack 105

We ask that you reserve your date for a program at least 30 days in advance so that we may have time to plan a wonderful experience for your students.

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General Site Information

Peter Wentz Farmstead

2030 Shearer Road, P.O. Box 240

Worcester, PA 19490

Located off of Route 73/Skipack Pike,
near the intersection with
Route 363/Valley Forge Road.

- Please advise staff of any accessibility issues your students may have so we may properly accommodate everyone's needs.
- Restrooms, picnic tables, & gift shop available for on-site visitors.

Support *local history*,
visit the Farmstead today

The Farmstead is open
Tuesday – Saturday from 10am-4pm
& Sunday from 1pm-4pm

Site History

Peter and Rosanna Wentz began farming here in 1744. By 1758, they had completed the large, Georgian style stone house that reflects their German heritage and their wealth as a successful farming family. They sold the property in 1784 to Devault Bieber, a distant relative through marriage. In 1794, Bieber sold the property to a Schwenkfelder minister, Reverend Melchior Schultz, and his family.

Descendants of the Schultz family continued to farm the land and resided in the house until 1969 when the County of Montgomery purchased the property. The County restored the farm to its late 18th century appearance reflecting the Farmstead's history as temporary headquarters of General George Washington during October 1777. The house, reconstructed outbuildings, garden, and livestock represent 18th century Pennsylvania German culture and practices.

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Peter Wentz Farmstead

*An 18th century
Pennsylvania German
historic site*



Tommy G., 4th grade student at Worcester Elementary

Educational Programs



Address the specific needs of your group any time of year by visiting the historic Farmstead or by scheduling an outreach program.

Worcester, PA



Welcome to the Peter Wentz Farmstead

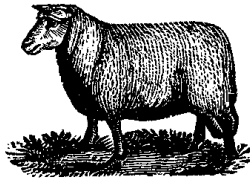
We offer a variety of hands-on activities for students of all ages on a wide array of topics pertaining to the Farmstead- the arts, sciences, and history. We will work with you to create a program that fulfills the requirements of your curriculum and addresses the interests of your group.

Programs typically last 90 minutes, unless otherwise stated and some may be altered to be taught at your location.

PA Academic Standards are available upon request.

“Charlie Needs a Cloak”

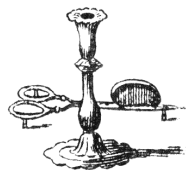
program ~



This storybook program tells how Charlie’s cloak, quite worn from wear, is replaced using wool from his sheep. Primary school students (**Preschool-2nd**) learn about the process of making cloth from sheep’s wool. The students will enjoy related hands-on activities and a tour of the farm. A first floor tour of the historic farm house is also available as part of this program.

Colonial Life program ~

Discover what life was like during the colonial era. Designed for **grades 3 and above**, the students will tour the farm and historic house to learn about home life during the 18th century. They will also participate in a hands-on game and take a close look at some reproduced items typical of the era.



Decorative Arts program ~

This program introduces students in **3rd grade and above** to the idea of proper museum etiquette and decorative arts in a hands-on format. Learn about the architecture and material culture of the colonial period by observing these features during a tour of the historic house.



Back to Our Roots program ~

Gain a better understanding of where our food comes from today by discovering the crops and livestock on a farm during the late 18th to early 19th centuries. Students will take an extended tour of the historic farm area to learn about the use and preservation of different types of food then proceed to the Summer Kitchen to experience period cooking methods first-hand. Variations of this lesson are appropriate for **preschool through high school students**.

(Fee: \$5/student)



Colonial Day program ~

Bring sixty or more of your **3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th** grade students to the Farmstead for a day full of hands-on activities. They will learn about many of the crafts and trades typical of the 18th century and rotate through a number of hands-on stations conducted by costumed interpreters. After a brief break for lunch, the students will then continue with their lessons before returning back to school later in the afternoon. (Fee: \$5/student)

“Thanks for giving us the tour. I loved it. It was fun learning about the animals and how people lived back in the 17 hundreds.”

- 2nd grade student @ Chapel Christian Academy



Environmental Education ~

Working with the Montgomery County environmental educators, we can add any number of nature programs to the day’s offerings suitable for your group. Topics include: water studies, tree identification, medicinal plants, specific animal discussions and more.

Comparative Histories

programs ~

Spend the day visiting the Peter Wentz Farmstead and another of the region’s historic treasures– Morgan Log House (MLH) or Pennypacker Mills (PPM)

- *Reaction to the American Revolution* with the **MLH**: Explore the effects of the American Revolution to the families that settled in the region as experienced by the Cassels & Wentzes. Geared towards **secondary level students (6-12)**, this program includes first-person interaction with documented people in an historical setting. (Fee: \$10/student)

“You helped me learn so much that I would not be able to learn or experience through a textbook.”

- Student @ Mount St. Joseph Academy

- **PPM**: Learn about everyday life during the late 18th and early 20th centuries. Your **3rd through 8th grade** students will enjoy the hands-on activities offered at each site and the tour of the historic homes. Half-day or full-day options.