

The Conococheague Institute 2021 Summer/Fall funded projects

After a very successful Matching Campaign in Spring, we were pleased to report in the June Newsletter contributions totalled **\$78,996.94**. This is enormous sign of support to our annual Operating Costs (roughly **\$120,000**).

Through donations, memberships, tour and event fees, gift shop sales, estate bequests, and grants we are able to continue in our mission.

We've had an incredible year so far with more families, bookings and consistent programs. Outreach events, published articles, and of course our Youtube and Social Media have spread the word about CI more than ever.

Thank you!

Many of our supporters have asked for **how they can help** in addition to general operating expenses: A **funded project** with a specific goal, an interpretive need, an item that would be really useful but it's outside of the annual budget.

As such we have put together this Funded Project list for Summer/Fall 2021. In it we detail individual projects that **YOU CAN FUND**. Simply read on to find out about different projects, and follow the instructions on the final page. Thank you for continuing to enable our growth.



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Donation Code “Faux Food”

Everyone loves food, and our historic cooking programs inspire families to keep history alive by trying something new at home.

When we aren't cooking, faux food is an incredible way of making the homestead feel lived in.

Last year we purchased several faux food items (*game hens, pies, bread and cheese*) from “Paul McClintock’s Faux Cookery” and they have been a great asset. We seek to continue to fill the Settlers Larders with hanging dried meats and dress their tables with some complete dishes and treats...All reproduced based on original paintings and sources for authenticity!

Hanging Meat (Beef, pork or lamb) \$350

Rum Soaked Rich Cake \$20

Meats, Vegetables, Side Dishes \$300

Total: \$670





Donation Code “Forestry Supplies”

Our Woodlot and Stream are incredible habitats and thanks to our partnership with the CBF we receive free trees and supplies to replant native and historic trees.

Fighting the invasives is the main hurdle. With Bob Schwartz (professional forester with DNR) on our Board of Directors we now have the knowledge and plan to main this habitat.

The following tools will make this winters invasive removal possible for a huge Spring planting for 2022.

Solo 4ga backpack sprayer **\$99.19**

Pathfinder 2 herbicide **\$169.75**

Glyphosate concentrate **\$125.75**

Total: \$394.69

Donation Code “Laminator”

Some items needed are more mundane. Due to our increased advertising, flyers and event posters have been a major source of our 2021 success. CI has an incredible printer, and our in house design has put out some great ads.

With the addition of a laminator, we can weather proof the event flyers so we can spread them further afield

Fellowes Spectra 125 Thermal Laminator, 12.5" Width, Silver/Black **\$92.99**

Fellowes Thermal Pouches, Letter, 200/Pack **\$30.49**

Fellowes Thermal Pouches, Menu, 50/Pack **\$50.99**

Total: \$174.47




Conococheague Institute

Bringing Colonial History to Life

HISTORIC PROGRAMS EVERY SATURDAY
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Make every weekend an event by visiting our Historic Homestead and Gardens. Learn about the 18th century through hands on programming, lend a hand in the garden, play games and attend our hourly scheduled programs.

Ongoing activities and hourly programs including:
10:00 AM The Kitchen Garden.
Roll your sleeves up and get your hands dirty! Learn about our kitchen garden and why they were an incredibly important part of frontier life in the 18th century.
11:00 AM At Home on the Frontier.
Join our interpreters in the log home and learn about daily life for the people of the frontier and what kinds of people lived here.
12:00 PM Garden to Table.
Learn about the meals everyday people made using their kitchen gardens and what was in season. Smell what's cooking or give a pot a stir.
1:00 PM Making News.
What did it take to keep up with the wear and tear of daily life on the frontier? Learn how to fix and repair clothes, tools and more... Darn it!
2:00 PM Stylin' in the 18th Century
Learn about what it takes to be fashionable in the rural parts of the colonies. Try on the clothes of the era and snag a selfie!
3:00 PM Pleasant Directions
Life on the frontier wasn't all hard work. Gather at our Ordinary and blow off some steam. Learn about the role ordinaries and taverns played in their communities and try your hand at the games table. Join in a song and learn what it means to be a part of a frontier community.



Programs are free to all but donations are appreciated: Donate here

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Donation Code “Video Recording Equipment”



Have you been watching our [Youtube videos](#)?
“Colonial Living at the Conococheague Institute”.
Started during COVID as virtual programs, we aim to continue producing these even as we offer in person programming too.

They reach a wider audience (and our rewatchable!)

So far they have all been filmed on a phones. A proper video camera would allow far easier filming of higher quality.

Panasonic - HC-VX870K 4K Ultra HD Flash Memory Camcorder - Black **\$799.99**

Sunpak - PlatinumPlus Ultra 7000 2-in-1 70" Tripod and Monopod - Silver **\$69.99**

Rode VideoMic Pro Compact Directional On-Camera Microphone **\$229.00**

Total: \$1098.98

Donation Code “Interpretive Panels”

Last year we created new Nature Panels thanks to a **Franklin County Tourism grant**. This Spring we installed 2 new Historic panels funded by Walmart.

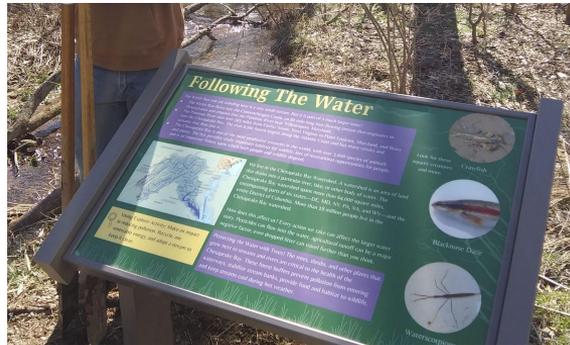
These new panels, formatted and designed to engage learners of all ages tell a more accurate story of CI's mission.

If we want all our panels to be up to the same standard we have 12 more to go!

As well as the history of the structures, new panels will also focus on sustainable gardening, women's roles, slavery on the frontier, religion, native american prehistory and the natural resources of Rock Hill Farm.

All design work (and installation) is done by our staff, so **the only cost is the price of each panel ordered from Pannier Graphics.**

Price per panel : \$365
Total estimated cost: \$4380



Donation Code “Butterfly Migration Center”

CI has so many rich habitats and flowers. Nature can be a vicious place, and unfortunately not every Caterpillar makes it to becoming a Butterfly due to wasps and birds.

With a Butterfly Migration Center, we can ensure a safe environment for the young caterpillars, as well as providing a easy accesible place to teach students about the importance of pollinators.

One Inch Series 8 ftx7 ft. Backyard Butterfly Learning Center: \$357



Donation Code “Utility Vehicle”

Some projects are far beyond operating budget, that only through your generosity are they possible.

The CI golf cart was made to move golfers across greens. Not haul things over 30 acres of Rocky Hills!

Earlier in the year we contacted various RTV dealers about an in-kind donation of a vehicle to no avail.

If you are interested in financing a vehicle that would allow us to do more of everything, we will even name it after you!

Kubota RTV500 : **\$9799**

Does your farm have a UTV you no longer need but still does good service? Contact us about donating it!



Donation Code: Interns- Lucas Lapole Memorial Fund

For several years now, CI has maintained a memorial fund in honor of Lucas Lapole, a former CI intern, turned staffer who tragically passed away in 2018.

This fund is solely to be used to benefit interns at the Conococheague Institute either through stipends or hiring. By enticing and training students in historical preservation and museum management we not only benefit their own career development, but ensure CI has a constant stream of fresh ideas and energy.

In 2020, three Interns benefited from this fund: Sarah Hoffeditz of Shippensburg University, Scott Seburn of Temple University, and Dan Corcoran of McDaniel University.

Through annual replenishment of this fund we seek to be able to offer new interns positions every year.

Requested amount: Infinite (Estimated \$2,000 payout per year)



Donation Code “Textiles”

Our talented volunteers and staff have meant that our interns this year didn't just wear hand me down clothes. Each was outfitted in ***authentic clothing*** drafted and fitted to them. In addition several childrens try-on clothes have been made for our interactive areas.

Our summer sewing workshop was a great opportunity for everyone to get involved in this making progress.

We are planning a winter workshop now, and so seek for fabric and tools from Burnley and Trowbridge for these goals.

Estimated Total: \$600 to \$1000



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Donation Code “An Old Gun”

Military impressions are a rarity in CI's programs, but portraying a Civilian on the 18th century frontier does occasionally call for firelocks.

In one of the Davis Probate inventories it lists “an old gun”. CI does have a beautiful rifle and top class Military Musket. However these wouldn't have been ‘an old gun’.

We debated what this might mean (a fowling piece, a trade gun, a matchlock) and finally decided that the safest bet would be a Doglock Musket.

Common from the 1690's onwards it is just the kind of item to be handed down from settler to settler. The cutdown carbine version makes it a little lighter!

Doglock Carbine: \$750



Donation Code “Door Hinges”

We've made incredible progress making the Negley House an immersive experience for visitors with the hearth cooking programs, and furnishing it with authentic reproductions that match the archaeological record.

One of the main glaring anachronisms are the very modern hinges on all the doors. As well as being starkly modern they don't support the doors well resulting in some sag.

Rough Forged Iron Strap Door Hinge with Bean Design \$43.99 each (2 per door), 6 doors in the Negley
Estimated Total: **\$527.88**



Donation Code “Museum Mannequins”

Realistic mannequins help show a different time or scene where our staff or volunteers can't.

As we continue to develop our exhibits, we would like to add a realistic mannequin of a frontier women (such as Jean Lowry) to provide a constant display of women's clothing styles.

In addition, a Native American mannequin would be the perfect way to further develop our Arrowhead collection: Telling the story of the people who lived in this region thousands of years before the settlers arrival.

These mannequins would be ordered from Dorfman Museum figures, who provide to many other quality exhibits nationwide.

Female Mannequin **\$2695**
Native Mannequin **\$2695**
Estimated Total: \$5390



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As you can see, our funded projects are diverse, ranging from big to small, and crossing all aspects of our mission to preserve and educate about the cultural and natural history of the Appalachian frontier.

If you would like more information, please contact us, or fill out the form below. All donors will be recognized for their contribution in the next newsletter (unless marked anonymous).

In the case of multiple donations to the same project, you will be contacted and your contribution will be put toward the next project closest to being fully funded, or the next project of your choice.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Conococheague Institute.

Donor Name: _____

Donation Code: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Check to remain Anonymous:

Mail Checks to:

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Call at **717-328-2800** to pay by credit card, or use our paypal at www.paypal.me/DonatetoCI or scan the QR code to the right.

