



# 2026 Events Celebrating 1776

Sponsorship request from  
The Conococheague Institute



Hearth, Home & Springtime  
Saturday, May 9th

Music of the Revolution  
Saturday, June 6th

Harvest on the Homestead  
Saturday, October 10th

A Colonial Christmas  
Saturday, December 12th

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Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of The Conococheague Institute (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, EIN# 25-1763245), **we thank you for your continued support in recent years**, which has allowed for incredible growth within our organization.

Your contributions have been instrumental in enabling us to provide quality educational programming, free community events, preserve history, and engage with our community. **As a result, we are excited to share that, for the first time ever, as of January 1st, we are now fully booked with educational programs through May!**

**We're also pleased to announce the success of the first year and continuation of our five-year program, Revolutionary Homestead, which ties our interpretive theme and mission to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.**

For each of our main '1776' events this year, we will feature guest presenters and lecturers, food and drink vendors, and combine that with our immersive site and staff to portray life on an 18th-century farm during the buildup to the American Revolution.

**These community events will be bigger than ever and tap into a growing tourism trend focused on history. As one of our valued supporters who understands the importance of our community-driven mission, we'd like to offer you the opportunity to become a sponsor for the 2026 event season.**

We've already received a pledge of support for each event from the Americana Corner Preserving America Partners Grant program and look to our local community to join us in celebrating early American history. We are seeking sponsorships that help bring history to life, and we'd be happy to discuss sponsorship options and creative ideas for a partnership with you that will make these events a revolutionary success and showcase your business.

Recognition of your support will be a key part of this sponsorship and will be noted in our frequent social media posts, online postings, and flyers. Support will also be acknowledged in press releases, our quarterly newsletter, and on our website. Sponsors are invited as guests of honor for each event's festivities.

**The Conococheague Institute also offers our generous sponsors free site rentals**, whether for a business meeting, tour, or staff retreat. In recent years, sponsors have enjoyed pizza parties at our bake oven, staff training sessions, and wine and cheese gatherings in the tavern.

**With the addition of our animal husbandry program, a staff wellness day with the goats would be a popular choice for your team!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

*Matthew Wedd*

Respectfully,

Matthew Wedd, Executive Director. 717-328-2800, [mwedd@cimlg.org](mailto:mwedd@cimlg.org)

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# 2026 Special Events

## Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### 1776: Hearth, Home, and Springtime

*Saturday, May 9th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Experience traditional domestic life around the hearth and home, and learn the timeless art of food production. Discover the vital roles women played in farming, gardening, and agriculture, and explore how families managed goats and sheep, with fresh born lambs and kids on our farmstead!

### 1776: Music of the Revolution

*Saturday, June 6th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Step back into the soundscape of the American Revolution. From whistling fifes to powerful drums, enjoy music and songs popular with both civilians and soldiers, and learn about the people who inspired them. Musical performances continue throughout the day.



### 1776: Harvest on the Homestead

*Saturday, October 10th, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

Celebrate the harvest with grape stomping (pigéage) for wine, cider making, beer brewing, hearth cooking, dance, and games, then gather round our Bonfire for our special evening tradition! Special Author Talk with Tom Hand at 1 p.m. followed by CI's Annual Member meeting at 2 p.m.

### 1776: A Colonial Christmas

*Saturday, December 12th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of an 18th-century holiday season.

Watch a colonial feast being prepared, try your hand at baking traditional gingerbread, and join in the festive spirit with Wassailing and old-fashioned games. Free cookies and hot drinks during our Stocking Stuffer gift shop sale.



All Events are free to attend and will feature interactive presentations and activities for all ages. Make a day of it and join in the celebrations in Franklin County, PA!



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