

FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON CROSSING PARK

*A Historic Affair at Pen Ryn:  
15th Anniversary Celebration*

“INVESTING IN THE FUTURE WHILE HONORING OUR PAST”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

6:00 TO 10:00 PM



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# Our Story

In 2009, budget cuts to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission forced the closure of Washington Crossing Historic Park to the public. Interpretive tours of historic buildings ceased. Bowman's Hill Tower was shuttered. And the reenactment of the Christmas Day Crossing, held without interruption since the 1950s, was threatened with cancellation.

Fifteen years ago, a dedicated group of Bucks County citizens refused to stand by and allow the unthinkable to happen – a loss of access to this national treasure in our backyard. FWCP was formed as community patriots stepped forward to fill the void with needed financial support that continues today. The result -- almost 1,000,000 annual visitors to the Park, including 10,000 reenactment attendees, as well as 10,000 students participating in Colonial Days field trips and guided tours each year – sharing invaluable context for the crucial history that unfolded here.

December 25, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of a pivotal moment in our nation's founding: George Washington's daring crossing of the Delaware River. This courageous act, and the military victories that followed, turned the tide of the American Revolution and changed the course of American history forever.

The 250th anniversary of Washington's Crossing, a once-in-a-lifetime milestone, provides the perfect opportunity to build on the Friends' good work to date and to invest in improvements that will increase visitor engagement, making their time at this singular site more memorable. To seize this opportunity, the Friends are seeking the support of the community to bring the Park's history to life in dynamic and meaningful ways.

With your support we can preserve the amazing story of our country and our shared heritage for generations to come.





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## 15th Year Anniversary Event

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Levels & Options	General Washington \$10,000 (Presenting Partner)	Continental Army \$5,000	Semiquin-centennial \$2,500	Revolutionary \$1,776	Founder \$1,000	Patriot \$500
Acknowledged as Overall Event Sponsor in all event PR	✓					
Social media shout out to our 35,000 followers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on event ticket page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on Welcome Banner at the event site	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Live Entertainment Acknowledgement	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Number of event tickets	Private table (10)	Private table (10)	4	2	2	1

Impact	Refurnishing of one historical building	Replanting of the Thompson-Neely House garden	Investment in our summer internship program	Free field trip for 150 Title 1 students to the park	Funds free living history programs for 3 months	Provides period clothing for one Historical Interpreter

If you would like to pay for your sponsorship online, please go to:  
<https://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org/sponsorship-payment/>

If you have any questions about sponsorship levels or the event itself,  
 please email our Development Coordinator:  
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# Event Impact

Without the Friends, the majority of WCHP's educational programs would not exist. Each year the Friends strive to sustain and improve their high-quality educational programs while offering them at affordable rates for families and schools.

A portion of this donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law as the Friends of Washington Crossing Park is officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as having 501(c)(3) status.

\$500 – Provides a set of period clothing for one Historical Interpreter.

\$1,000 - Funds free weekly living history programs for 3 months.

\$1,776 – Provides a free field trip for 150 Title 1 students to the park .

\$2,500 – Allows us to invest in the next generation of historians through a summer internship.

\$5,000 – Will help replant the Thompson-Neely House gardens and help us connect visitors to the rich environmental history of our region.

\$10,000 – Helps us refurbish one of the historical buildings and allows us to share new interpretive spaces with our visitors.



## Important Deadlines

The deadline for sponsorships is November 6th. Silent auction items need to be confirmed by November 15th, and received by December 1st.

# Marketing Opportunities

## Social Media & Online Advertising

Names of sponsors and donors will appear on our website in various places. Names will also appear in social media postings and on the Facebook event page. Monthly online visitation to our website is 20,000 views and Facebook posts reach our 35,000 followers.

A silent auction will be conducted using a mobile app on guests' cell phones, which allows guests both present and absent from the event to bid. Designated sponsor levels and in-kind donors will be featured throughout the silent auction app.

## Signs & Printed Materials

Sponsors' names will be placed on signs in areas throughout the event appropriate to their sponsorship level. The Presenting Partner will receive acknowledgment in the event schedule.

## Silent Auction Donations

We are also asking for the support of in-kind products and/or services that can be used in support of the event. Examples of desirable items include gift cards, in-kind services, experiences, and overnight stays. If you would like to make an in-kind donation or offer a prize to be included in our silent auction, please contact Kathrine Manning.

