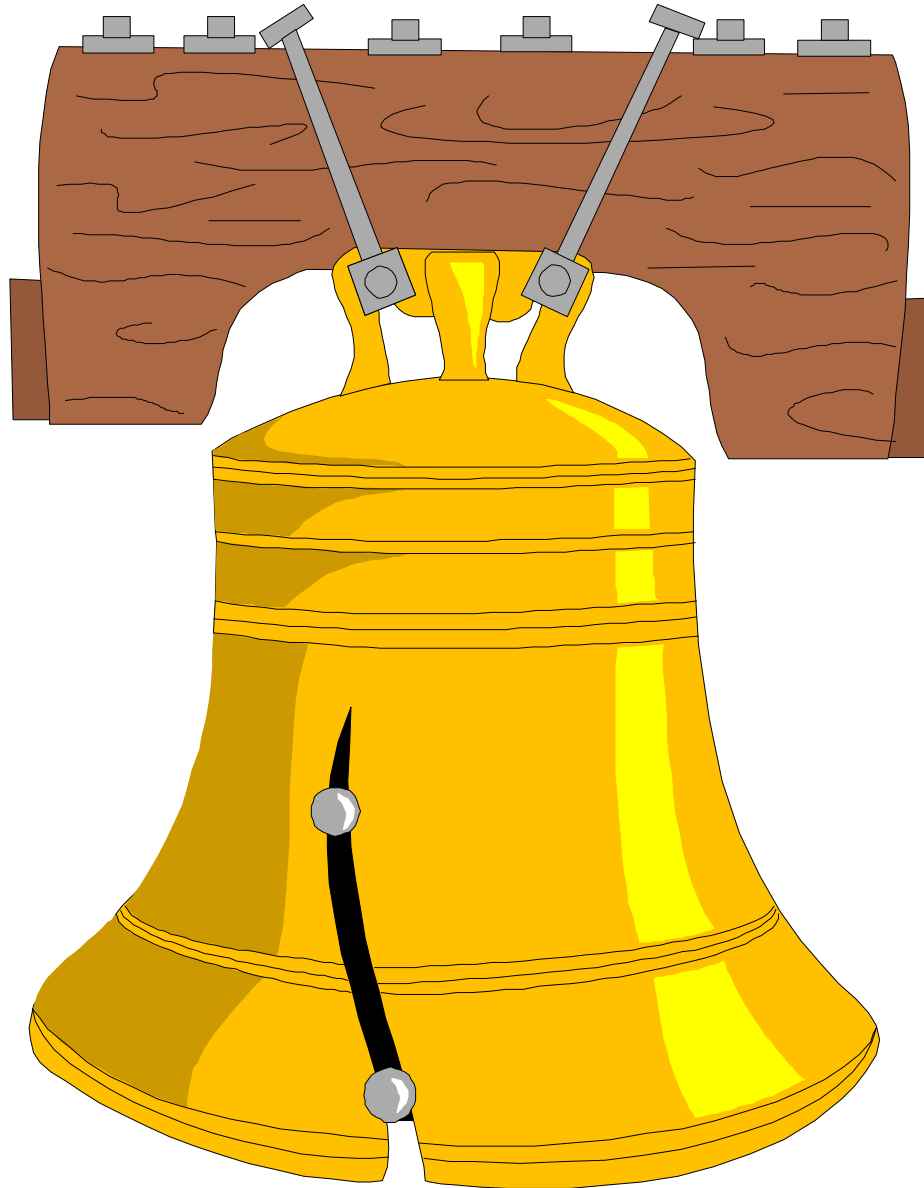


July 1999



Our National Treasures

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Focus. We have so much to be thankful for as Americans. This month's theme gives us a chance to stop and take stock in all of the treasures we have around us. This is a great time to get out and see some of the wonders and the majesty that is the United States of America.

Pack Meeting Ideas

PreOpening Activities

Name That State

Here's a multiple-choice test of how well you know where some of the National Parks are in the United States. The sheet can be copied and handed out at the pack meeting for everyone to enjoy. It's at the end of this section.

National Treasures Word Find

Here's a Word Search puzzle that has some pretty majestic places for you to find. Give it a tray! (The puzzle is on a separate sheet in the back of this section.)

National Treasure Names

Here's another one that will require some up-front research. (If you know anyone who has the National Geographics magazines on CD and a decent printer, then it will be pretty easy to get your resources for the activity.) Using magazines, online resources, etc, collect pictures of 10 to 15 national parks/landmarks that the Cub Scouts should be able to recognize. Hang these on the wall with numbers or letters on them.

Hand out sheets with the names of the landmarks printed on them. Have everyone try to match the pictures and their names.

Opening Ceremonies

It's Just A Piece Of Cloth

It's just a piece of cloth, that's all it is
Just a piece of cloth.
But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life
And flutters and snaps in the wind, all red and white and blue...
Then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it.

It has your whole life wrapped up in it...
The meals you eat, the time you spend with your family,
The kind of things boys and girls learn at school,
The strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church.

Those stars on it...
They make you feel just as free as the stars
in the wide, wide, deep night.
And the stripes....
they are the bars of blood
To any dictator who would try to change this way of life.

Just a piece of cloth, that's all it is
Until you put your soul into it and give it meaning;
Then it is the symbol of liberty and decency and fair dealing for everyone.

It is just a piece of cloth
Until we breathe life into it,
Until we make it stand for everything we believe in
And refuse to live without it.

Flag and Candle Ceremony

1 small American flag
1 white candle
1 blue candle
1 red candle
4 persons

1st person: Practically from the beginning of time, man has used symbols to express hope, ideals, and love of his own nation. Our flag represents the ideals and science, commerce and agriculture. It symbolizes the sacrifices made by men and women for the future of America. It stands for your home and everything and everyone you hold dear.

"I light the red candle which is the symbol of the red in our flag, and stands for hardiness and valor and symbolizes the lifeblood of brave men and women."

2nd person: "I light the white, which is the symbol of purity and innocence and symbolizes the white of our flag."

3rd person: "I light the blue candle which is the symbol of perseverance and justice, and symbolizes the eternal blue of the heavens."

4th person: "The stars in our flag represents states. They indicate that the heights of achievement for our nation are limitless as the heavens above us."

Together: "Won't you join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Activities

Where Is Your Home?

Divide the audience into two groups and have them respond as the poem is read.

HOME: "Home on the Range"
UNITED STATES: "This Land is your Land"

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like HOME.
No matter where in the UNITED STATES you may roam.

You may travel all over the UNITED STATES.
But your own HOME state with you always rates.

Some choose to roam while others stay,
Always in their HOME state till their dying day.

No matter in what part of the UNITED STATES your HOME state may be,
There's one thing everyone says you see,

And everybody I'm sure will remember that..
HOME is where you hang your hat!

Pack Field Trip

Here's a substitute for a summertime Pack Meeting. Why not plan and hold a special field trip to one of the many national treasures in easy reach?! Appoint a committee to select some field trip options, bring them before the boys to see what they want to do, and do it! Make a day of it!

Songs

This Land Is Your Land

CHORUS

This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California, to the New York Island,
From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking, that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway,
I saw below me that Golden Valley,
This land was made for you and me.

CHORUS

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,
And all around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.

CHORUS

I followed your low hills and I followed your cliff rims,
Your marble canyons and sunny bright waters,
This voice came calling, as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.

CHORUS

As the sun was shining and I was strolling,
Through the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,
I could feel inside me and see all 'round me
This land was made for you and me.

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea! [return to top]

You're A Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, you're a high-flying flag,
Forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of, the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true for the red, white, and blue,
Where there's never a boast or a brag.
But should old acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

I'm A Little Hunk Of Tin

I'm a little hunk of tin, nobody knows where I have
been..
Got four wheels and a running board, I'm a
four-by-four-by-four..
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-hank, rattle-rattle, rattle crash, beep-beep
Honk-honk, honk, honk.

Actions: honk-pull ears; rattle-shake head;
crash-cover face
with hands; beep-push on nose with flat of hand

Skits

See The USA

1997 Grand Canyon Council Pow-Wow Book

This skit can be done as a skit with questions and answers being assigned to participants on stage or it could be done as a game with audience members guessing the answers. Boys asking questions could hold up a cardboard cutout in the shape of their states. You could also do it as a puppet show, using stick puppets for each state. Additional states could be added.

ALL: See the USA in your Chevrolet. America is asking you to call. (This can be repeated between each of the questions as participants on stage move to different places.)

CUB 1: I am known as the Garden State. People in my towns often work in factories. I was admitted to the Union in 1787. Who am I? (New Jersey)

CUB 2: I am in the Northwest and am known as the Evergreen State. People in my towns might work in the lumber industry. They might even make airplanes or computer software. I was admitted to the Union in 1889. Who am I? (Washington)

CUB 3: I am on the banks of the Mississippi River. People in my towns are sometimes farmers who grow corn. My capital is Des Moines. I was admitted to the Union in 1846. Who am I? (Iowa)

CUB 4: I am the largest state in the United States. Most of my land is still wilderness. The people in my towns work in the fishing industry. I was admitted to the Union in 1958. Who am I? (Alaska)

CUB 5: I am known as the beehive State. People in my towns work on farms and in business. I was admitted to the Union in 1896. Who am I? (Utah)

CUB 6: I am located in the Southwest. Within my borders are high plains, majestic mountains, and dry deserts. I was admitted to the Union on Valentine's Day in 1912. Who am I? (Arizona)

Advancement Ceremonies

Freedom Symbols of Our Country

In our American history, we are fortunate to have many freedom symbols which have special meaning to American citizens. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about one of these symbols as we honor those boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet high in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. The statue was given to the United States by France as a token of friendship. Each year hundreds of tourists go to see Miss Liberty. The inscription at the base of this statue was written by Emma Lazarus, and reads in part: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shores; send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". There is a golden door to Scouting which is open to all boys. By walking through that door to Scouting, boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to Scouting tonight are (read names). Will you and your parents please come forward.

(Continue with regular Bobcat induction).

Our American flag is much more than the red, white and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America..our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country nearly 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point - a flag. "We will take the stars and blue union from heaven", the great George Washington is reported to have said, "red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty". Respect for the flag is one of the requirements for a boy to earn the Wolf rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all these requirements. (call boys and parent forward and present badges and cards).

The Declaration of Independence is one of many documents which established freedom in America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress

met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people and for the people.. not for just some of them, but for all people...the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when it says "all men are created equal", not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under law, and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned Arrow Points to wear under the Wolf badge. (call boys and parents forward to receive awards).

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 calling the people of Philadelphia to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time it has been on display in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim liberty thought the land". A study of our American Heritage is one of the twelve requirements for a boy to earn the Bear badge. The following boys will receive that badge tonight.

Closing Ceremonies

America the Beautiful

CUBMASTER: This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse.

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee. And crown they good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea."

Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

Scouter's Prayer

Dear Lord, from your judgement seat on high,
Look down on a Scouter such as I.
Search me through and find me whole,
Then help me Lord to reach my goal.
Help me Lord to work for Thee,
Guard my homeland - Keep it free.
Help me to work with others and be kind,
Helpful with my hands and mind.
Keep me Lord, both well and strong
To help our growing boys along.
Control my thoughts, keep them right,
sound, clean weapons for life's fight.
Protect my morals, keep them high,
Grant this to a Scouter such as I.

Cub Scout Benediction

And now may the Great
Master of all Cub Scouts
Guide and guard our footsteps
Today, tomorrow,
And for the tomorrows to come.

Den Meeting Ideas

Places To Go & Things To Do

National Park Service Sites

There are many National Park Service sites throughout the United States. These are open for tours at some time or another through the year. I have listed the sites and maps for Pennsylvania and Maryland (at the end of this section). Others are available by going to the internet site for the National Park Service:

- www.nps.gov

By following the links at this site you can get detailed information for every site listed. Again, I have included a sample information page (at the end of this section) from the NPS web site for the Eisenhower National Historic Site.

The National Park Service sites are a tremendous resource for your programs. Try to get to one or more of these.

Den Meeting Activity Ideas

Bird Houses For A Park

As long as we're talking about the National Treasures, we cannot forget our precious treasure of nature and wildlife. Why not check with some of the local and national parks to see if the boys can make and install some birdhouses. Depending on the kind of bird(s) you're trying to accommodate, the dimensions for the birdhouse vary. See the information sheet in the September CRAFTS section for a table of dimensions.

Games

Treasure Hunt

The den may not be able to travel to the end of the earth physically, but they can certainly go anywhere they want on a map.

For this game, identify some major sites of some well known National Treasures. Write down the names of your treasures and toss them into a treasure chest covered in red, white, and blue (shoe box, for example). You also need an atlas or a pretty large map of the United States.

Have each boy pick a treasure from the chest and find the place on the map or in the atlas. You probably will have to be ready to supply a state, district, or territory name, but start without that information to see how well they do.

Name That Treasure

So they think they're pretty smart with all that geography they've been learning? Quiz them on it! Make out a quiz that asks the following kinds of questions:

- Name four of the Great Lakes.
- Name six major rivers in the US.
- Name three large bays in the US.
- Name the states that have Atlantic Ocean coastlines.
- Name the states that have Pacific Ocean coastlines.
- Name three mountain ranges in the US.

I think you get the point. Don't make it seem like homework or a test. Put some fun and challenge into it and they'll jump at the chance to try it.

Crafts

National Monuments

This may sound a lot like a school project, but I think that's okay. I remember doing projects in school and in Cub Scouts that I cherished for years.

Identify some of the land-feature National Treasures (like El Capitan in Yosemite Park and Old Faithful in Yellowstone Park) and write them out on individual slips of paper (one per boy). Each boy picks his National Treasure so that he can make a model of it. Mountains lend themselves to paper mache, rolling landscapes are better handled with Plaster of Paris. Have the boys do research on what the sites look like, getting pictures, writing to the states for information, etc. Then they work with their families making the replicas.

Liberty Bell Slide

In celebration of the theme and the holiday, why not have the boys make neckerchief slides of the liberty bell.

1. You can get small wooden and plastic bells from a craft store. Cut these in half.
2. Using a 1-1/2 inch hole saw, cut the background plates out of 1/8-inch plywood or paneling. (Check with the local lumber yard to see if they have a broken/damaged piece they can give you.)
3. For the neckerchief loop, use 1/2-in PVC plumbing pipe. You can cut this with a saw easily, but there is also a tool specifically designed to cut PVC pipe. Check with the people in the den or a local plumber and someone should be able to come up with the loops pretty easily.
4. Hot glue the bell half and the loop to the background. Paint the background and the bell.

Our National Treasures WORD SEARCH

This puzzle contains words and phrases related to Our National Treasures. See how many you can find.

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BADLANDS

CAPE COD
CRATER LAKE
GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
GRAND CANYON
GREAT LAKES
GREAT SALT LAKE

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL
LIBERTY BELL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MOUNT RUSHMORE
NIAGRA FALLS
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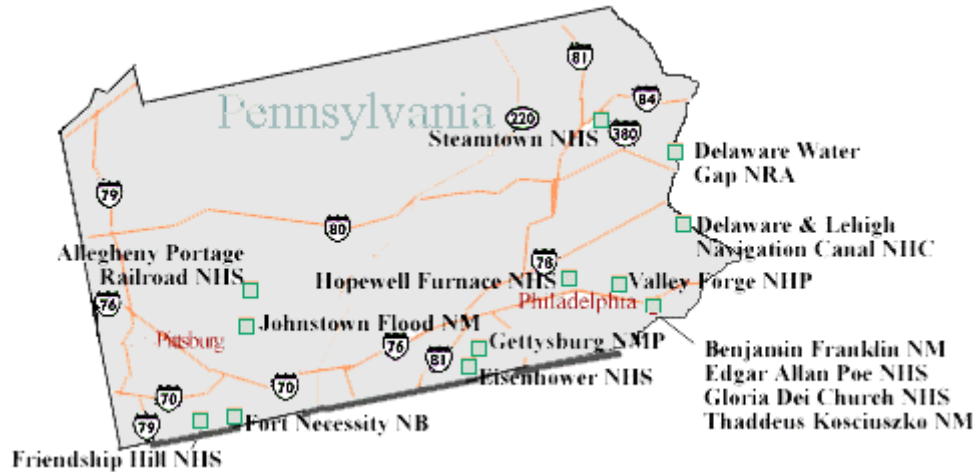
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ROCKY MOUNTAINS
ST LOUIS ARCH
STATUE OF LIBERTY
WASHINGTON MONUMENT
YELLOWSTONE PARK
YOSEMITE FALLS

Name That State

Our country is blessed with some of the most wonderful places on earth. Many of them have been saved by becoming National Parks. You have probably heard of these places before, but do you know the state in which each is found? Try your luck

- 1) BADLANDS
 - a) Montana
 - b) Wyoming
 - c) South Dakota
- 2) MOUNT RUSHMORE
 - a) Colorado
 - b) South Dakota
 - c) Wyoming
- 3) MAMMOTH CAVE
 - a) Virginia
 - b) Kentucky
 - c) Tennessee
- 4) BRYCE CANYON
 - a) Idaho
 - b) Utah
 - c) Arizona
- 5) GLACIER PARK
 - a) Colorado
 - b) Nevada
 - c) Montana
- 6) ZION
 - a) Nebraska
 - b) Utah
 - c) Arizona
- 7) CARLSBAD CAVERN
 - a) Oklahoma
 - b) New Mexico
 - c) Utah
- 8) GRAND CANYON
 - a) Idaho
 - b) Wyoming
 - c) Arizona
- 9) YOSEMITE
 - a) Utah
 - b) California
 - c) New Mexico
- 10) CRATERS OF THE MOON
 - a) Utah
 - b) Idaho
 - c) Minnesota
- 11) MOUNT RANIER
 - a) Idaho
 - b) Oregon
 - c) Washington

National Park Service units in Pennsylvania.



- Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS
- Appalachian NST
- Delaware NR
- Edgar Allan Poe NHS
- Eisenhower NHS
- Fort Necessity NB
- Gettysburg NMP
- Gloria Dei Church NHS
- Hopewell Furnace NHS
- Independence NHP
- Johnstown Flood NM
- Steamtown NHS
- Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM
- Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River
- Valley Forge NHP



National Park Service units in Maryland.

- Antietam NB
- Appalachian NST
- Assateague Island NS
- Catoctin Mountain Park
- Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP
- Clara Barton NHS
- Fort McHenry NM
- Fort Washington Park
- Glen Echo Park
- Greenbelt Park
- Hampton NHS
- Monocacy NB
- Piscataway Park
- Potomac Heritage NST
- Thomas Stone NHS

Eisenhower National Historic Site

The farm designated Eisenhower National Historic Site is the only place President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower ever called home. In 1950, the Eisenhowers, looking forward to retirement, purchased the Allen Redding farm adjoining Gettysburg National Military Park. The original 189 acre farm was transformed by stages into the 230 acre country estate of the 34th President of the United States. During his Presidency, President and Mrs. Eisenhower used the farm as a weekend retreat, a refuge in time of illness, and a comfortable meeting place for world leaders. From 1961 to 1969, it was the Eisenhower's home during a vigorous and active retirement. In 1967, President and Mrs. Eisenhower deeded their farm to the United States to be administered by the National Park Service as the Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Visit our Website Visitor Center

VISITATION:

Highest from mid June to mid August and October; lowest in February.

LOCATION:

The Eisenhower National Historic Site adjoins the Gettysburg National Military Park located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which is about 80 miles north of Washington, D.C.

ADDRESS:

Eisenhower National Historic Site
97 Taneytown Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

TELEPHONE:

(717) 338-9114

(717) 338-0821 (FAX)

E-mail: eise_site_manager@nps.gov (reads eise_site_manager@nps.gov).

OPERATING HOURS, SEASONS:

Daily: April 1 through October 31; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The remainder of the year, the site is open Wednesday through Sunday, closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days. The site is closed January 3 to February 2.

CLIMATE, RECOMMENDED CLOTHING:

Summers are generally hot and humid. Winters are generally cold with variable precipitation. Layers of clothing are recommended, especially in early spring and late fall.

DIRECTIONS:

Visitors arriving from the north and south can use US 15. From the east and west, visitors can use US 30. Shuttle buses to the site depart from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center which is approximately one mile south of Gettysburg on SR 134 (Taneytown Road), and US 15 business route (Steinwehr Avenue).

TRANSPORTATION:

Due to a lack of on-site parking and space limitations in the Eisenhower home, visits can only be made by a shuttle bus leaving from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center. The Center opens at 8:00 a.m. and the first scheduled shuttle leaves at 9:00 a.m. Tickets may be purchased on a first come, first served basis for the next available tour. (Please see fees below).

FEES, COSTS, RATES:

Adults (17 years or older), \$5.25 per person. Children (ages 13-16), \$3.25 per person. Children (ages 6 through 12), \$2.25 per person.

Educational and youth groups: Adults (13 years or older), \$3.25 per person. Children (ages 6 through 12), \$2.25 per person. Holders of Golden Eagle, Age or Access Pass, \$3.25 per person.

FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Visitor Center/Exhibits:

The reception center, at one time the Secret Service Office, now houses a bookstore and visitor rest rooms. The center has exhibits of Eisenhower's life, from his boyhood days in Abilene, through the military and presidential years, to his retirement years at his Gettysburg farm.

Programs/Activities:

A tour of the Eisenhower home, which includes nearly all its original furnishings, offers an intimate glimpse into the life and times of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. An illustrated brochure, available at the Visitor Center, provides a self guided tour of the grounds. The farm walking tour explores the Black Angus cattle operation that President Eisenhower proudly showed off to visiting world leaders. Regularly scheduled ranger programs are conducted seasonally.

Education programs for schools are offered in the spring and fall. "Eisenhower, a Five Star American" is a two hour program for grades 5-12. "Conflict, A Visit by a World Leader" targets grades 7-12 and is 1 3/4 hours in length. Both programs are free of charge and require registration. For additional information call (717) 338-9114.

Special Needs:

Visitors using wheelchairs should inquire about special arrangements when purchasing their tickets at the Visitor Center.

RESERVATIONS/PERMITS:

For tickets and reservations call (717) 334- 4474, daily 7 am - 7 pm. School groups may take the standard tour or register for one of the special educational programs.

BASIC VISIT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allow two hours for both the programmed and self guided tours of the Eisenhower farm home and grounds.

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 13 - 31 (1997) -- An Eisenhower Christmas

May 30 - 31 -- Camp Colt World War I Weekend

June 18 - August 13 -- Hike with Ike

August 2 - 7 --The Eisenhower Institute

September 19 - 20 -- World War II Weekend

October 31 -- Eisenhower Seminar

December 12 - 31 -- An Eisenhower Christmas

For further information on Special Events call (717) 338-9114 or visit our Calendar of Events page

ADJACENT VISITOR ATTRACTIONS:

Gettysburg National Military Park. Site of a major battle of the American Civil War. The three days of fighting on July 1-3, 1863, are considered a turning point in the war. Adjoining the park is the Gettysburg National Cemetery where President Lincoln delivered his famous address on the date of the cemetery's dedication, November 19, 1863. For more information on accommodations and attractions, you may wish to contact the Gettysburg Travel Council, 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or call (717) 334-6274. There are also nearby National Park Service and state attractions and services.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please write Eisenhower National Historic Site, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

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