



July 31, 2009

It is our great pleasure to extend an invitation to you for our 28th Hope Lodge Encampment on November 7 and 8, 2009. This is the 232nd Anniversary of the 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment. In 1777, the Continental Army was encamped near what is currently the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's historic site, Hope Lodge, from November 2 to December 11. During that six-week period, Hope Lodge served as the headquarters of General John Cochran, Surgeon General for the Middle Division of the Continental Army. Based on surviving records, it is evident that Whitemarsh Estate (Hope Lodge) was the medical headquarters for the Army throughout the encampment.

Please help us to celebrate this historic event, not only in our nation's history, but also in the history of Hope Lodge. The Encampment will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm each day. As part of the activities for the weekend, we plan to **stage skirmishes utilizing earthworks (redoubt and lunette)** as well as demonstrate other facets of colonial history and everyday life. If you, or anyone coming with you, would be willing to share expertise during the weekend with **demonstrations or presentations on various 18th century topics**, (e.g., clothing, textiles, military life, military tactics, 18th century medicine, coopering, transportation, manners, just to name a few), please let us know.

Hope Lodge is a forty-two acre site, so ample space is available for campgrounds. Water, straw, firewood and toilet facilities will be provided. Free doughnuts and coffee will be available to all registered participants 8-10 A.M. each morning. Refreshments and baked goods will be sold during regular operating hours. **The Friends of Hope Lodge will continue their tradition of hospitality by inviting all participants to join them on Saturday evening in the Hope Lodge Barn for beverages and snacks in appreciation of the tremendous time and energy you give to our Whitemarsh Encampment Re-enactment.**

We need to know as accurately as possible how many participants will be attending, so that we may provide for everyone. Please complete and return the enclosed registration paperwork to us as soon as possible in order to have your unit's name, or your business, included in our Encampment program and our press release materials. The deadline to return your application, signed rules and regulations agreement and certificate of insurance is October 10, 2009. The paperwork may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed, or completed in electronic form on our web site. If you do not have a copy of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Black Powder Manual, please let us know; we gladly will send you one for your review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your interest and support of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill. We look forward to seeing you in November!

Sincerely,

Joan D. Hauger, Site Administrator
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Fort Washington, PA 19034
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APPLICATION FOR 2009 WHITEMARSH ENCAMPMENT – SUTLER

Date: _____

Name of Business: _____

Owner: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone # : _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Able to participate in Whitemarsh Encampment November 7th and 8th 2009 on:

Sat. & Sun. _____ Saturday only _____ Sunday only _____

Approximate number of participants: _____

Type of goods sold: _____

Please send a photo of your set up and representative items sold if you were not here last year. (Send S.A.S.E. for return of photos)

Tent size: _____ (Include height, width, & depth. Be sure to measure stake to stake)

Frontage: _____

Liability insurance with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage **is required** for your participation in the 2009 Whitemarsh Encampment Re-enactment.

Name of insurance company: _____

Certificate number: _____

(PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE)

Special requirements or needs: _____

Would you be willing to provide a talk, demonstration, or presentation on the topic of your business? _____

How many times per day would you be willing to repeat the talk, demonstration, or presentation? _____

If not able to participate in Encampment this year, would you like to be kept posted on our future events? _____

Please return this application form, signed rules and regulations agreement, certificate of insurance (coverage during encampment), and a check payable to the Friends of Hope Lodge in the amount of \$30.00 as soon as possible to be included in the event, or no later than October 10, 2009, to:

Whitemarsh Encampment 2009
Hope Lodge & Mather Mill
553 South Bethlehem Pike
Fort Washington, PA 19034
215-646-1595 (main phone)
610-828-8688 (alternate phone, 9am -9pm)
215-628-9471 (fax)
jhauger@state.pa.us (e-mail)

Note that your participation in the Whitemarsh Encampment re-enactment will be confirmed when all of the above required documents are received by Hope Lodge.

**SUTLER RULES AND REGULATIONS AGREEMENT
FOR 2009 WHITEMARSH ENCAMPMENT**

I, _____, doing business as

agree to the following rules for sutlers at the 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Re-enactment at Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania on November 7th and 8th, 2009. I understand that combined single limit liability insurance of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage is required and I have included a certificate of insurance with my application.

- Merchandise offered will be in keeping with the Revolutionary War theme of the reenactment.
- Sutlers will set up camp only in the space designated. Space will be allocated to accommodate tent size(s) specified on the application.
- Set-up may be on Friday (November 6), or before 8:30am on Saturday (November 7) or Sunday (November 8- if only attending on Sunday). Set-up will not be permitted during the public hours for the encampment.
- Sutlers are expected to remain in camp for the duration of the public hours –10am to 4pm- each day.
- Compliance with Pennsylvania sales tax laws is the responsibility of the merchant/sutler.

In consideration of my being able to participate in this event, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and their personal representatives assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event. I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue the Friends of Hope Lodge and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, their officers, directors, employees, sponsors, organizers, volunteers, or any other representatives or their successors and assigns in connection with any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered as a result of taking part in the event and all related activities.

(Signature)

Please contact Joan Hauger, Site Administrator, if you have any questions or concerns. We want to thank you for your continued support of this event. We look forward to seeing you in November.

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