

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY**

TO: Superintendent  
FROM: Dr. Debra Craddock  
DATE: 10/29/2015

Activity Name and Destination: Valley Forge, PA

Address: Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA

Date(s) of Activity: March 14, 2016 through March 18, 2016

School(s): Paradise Canyon Elementary School

Number of Students Attending and Grade Level or Group: 100 fifth grade students

Supervising Certificated Employee(s): Dr. Craddock, Rob Hajek, Kathy Selsor, Greg Hardash & Danna Lesko

How many administrators attending? 1 How many teachers attending? 4

Adult to Student Ratio: 1:8 Employee to Student Ratio: 1:20

How many substitutes? 0 How many days? 5 Charge Substitute to: NA

Rationale for activity:

A) Explain the educational value and relate to the instructional program or sponsoring organization and Policy 1100.

This trip provides students with the opportunity to experience first hand, American history as it occurred in Valley Forge, Philadelphia, PA. This trip uniquely reinforces in children a sense of our heritage and patriotism. This trip is sanctioned by the School District and is directly related to the curriculum.

B) Explain impact on instructional time and justification for any time lost.

Instructional time is actually greater than normal instructional time, since we tour all day and participate in evening presentations after dinner.

C) Complete Itinerary: Please be specific and include detailed activity time periods for each day. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

See attachment.

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**COMPLETE COST BREAKDOWN**

<u>Complete Cost Breakdown Per Student</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Group Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration:	\$ 720	Registration	\$ 72,000
Housing:	\$	Housing	\$
Transportation Method:	\$ 760	Transportation	\$ 76,000
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$ 200	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 20,000
Meals:	\$	Meals	\$
<b>Total Student Cost</b>	<b>\$ 1,680</b>	<b>Total Group Cost</b>	<b>\$ 168,000</b>

Source of Funds:

Parent donation.

How is financial assistance provided to students in need:

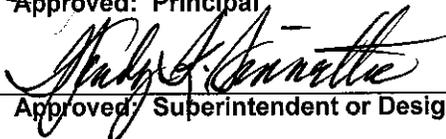
Scholarships are provided by the PTA.

If this activity is not planned for all your students, what learning activities will be planned for the students or classes that remain in session? Please attach lesson plans.

Non-participants will attend Adventure Week activities.

  
Approved: Principal

10-28-15  
Date

  
Approved: Superintendent or Designee

10-29-15  
Date

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**Birth of a Free Nation**



**Schedule**

- Day 1 Arrival Day
- Day 2 Amish Country
- Day 3 Colonial Philadelphia
- Day 4 Washington's Crossing, Trenton, Princeton
- Day 5 Valley Forge/Departure



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORY**

Dedicated to teaching Americans about their history and heritage for nearly 50 years, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge focuses on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. We believe that democracy only works with the participation of an engaged and educated citizenry.

Studies have shown that hands-on learning enhances a child's education. Through walking in the footsteps of history, Freedoms Foundation's History Encounters offer your students the opportunity to explore, first hand, the sites that gave rise to the United States through the love and labor of our earliest civic heroes.



**HISTORIC SITES AND MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS**

Your students will see some of the most important historic sites of the area. In Philadelphia you will visit sites such as Washington's Crossing, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, National Constitution Center, and Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. In New York you will see famous landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Rockefeller Plaza, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, and Times Square. In Washington, DC, you will explore the Capitol and Supreme Court buildings, the White House, the Smithsonian museums, and the Mall including the Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, and Washington monuments, and the WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



**Cornerstones of Freedom**

**Schedule**

- Day 1 Arrival Day
- Day 2 Philadelphia
- Day 3 New York
- Day 4 Washington
- Day 5 Washington
- Day 6 Valley Forge/Departure

**HISTORY BROUGHT TO LIFE**

What an incredible experience it would be if your students learned to minuet from George Washington, discovered scientific principals with Thomas Jefferson, formed an artillery brigade with Ned Hector or learned about letter writing with Abigail Adams. At the core of the Freedoms Foundation's History Encounters, living history presentations are offered by nationally recognized interpreters who bring their characters to life and present students with the opportunity to engage some legendary Americans in conversation and activity.

You can choose whom your students will meet from a notable list of American heroes, founders, thinkers, poets, and writers like General George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John and Abigail Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Dolly Madison, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, and Ned Hector or many, many more.



**CUSTOMIZED TO ENHANCE YOUR CURRICULUM**

We customize Freedoms Foundation's History Encounters to meet the educational needs of your students and school. Our education staff work with teachers, administrators, and curriculum directors to provide an experience that complements and supplements what students already learn in class. Never canned and certainly never dull, we emphasize learning while still having fun.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY**

On our beautiful 85-acre campus adjacent to Valley Forge National Park, students are always safe and secure. Freedoms Foundation guarantees that student groups have exclusive use of the dormitories, classroom, dining hall, and field space. Staff members provide regular supervision while on campus and are trained to provide basic first aid and CPR, and emergency medical services are only minutes away. Overnight staff makes sure you have everything you need for your peace of mind.

**FREE TIME**

Young people need time to play, and with open fields—including basketball and sand volleyball courts—lots of sports equipment, and an indoor game room, we can provide plenty of recreation. Returning from a long day of touring, students and teachers can relax and recharge.

**GUIDES AND ESCORTS**

Professional guides and escorts accompany all groups while on tour with Freedoms Foundation's History Encounters. Whether exploring an Amish farm house in Lancaster County or climbing a rickety stair case in a tenement house, our guides will share tidbits of precious knowledge not to be found in a history textbook. Local docents will provide inside information on many of the historical sites you will visit, with stories from a time few remember. Many of these retired teachers know just how to convey important ideas and events in a way that every student experiences history first hand.

**LEARNING & LIVING ENVIRONMENT**

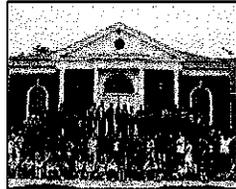
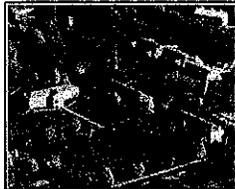
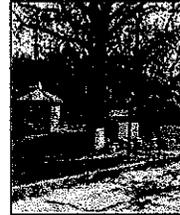
Our campus is the perfect setting for both learning and fun. While enjoying the experience of a lifetime, participants are given the opportunity to reside with their classmates in community, learning valuable life lessons about courtesy, respect, sharing, tolerance and much more.

Milestones in

**American History**

**Schedule**

- Day 1 Arrival Day
- Day 2 Philadelphia
- Day 3 PA Dutch Country Day 4 New York City
- Day 5 Valley Forge/Departure



**HOUSING**

Three dormitory-style buildings accommodate up to 120 students and adults. Single rooms are reserved for adults; student rooms house between two and six people. Rooms are carpeted, air-conditioned (and heated), and each room has access to a private bathroom with a shower. All linens, including blankets, sheets, and towels are provided.

**MEALS**

Three meals are provided each day. Box lunches are provided on the tours, and when available group lunches can be arranged. On campus, all meals are served in our dining hall where experienced caterers create kid-friendly, healthy meals with a salad bar accompanying lunch and dinner. Our caterer can accommodate dietary restrictions including allergies, gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan, etc.

**VIDEOS**

