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**MAJOR PA REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT SLATED**

**1,500 Re-enactors Expected at Daniel Boone Homestead in mid-May**

**Reading, PA** –An estimated 1,500 Revolutionary War re-enactors are expected to gather next month at the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission’s Daniel Boone Homestead for a weekend encampment.

James A. Lewars, site administrator of the 579-acre historic site in Birdsboro (midway between Reading and Pottstown) said the encampment, scheduled for May 17 and 18, is the annual gathering of two “umbrella” organizations—the British Brigade and the Continental Line, which consist of individual re-enactment units representing British and American troops and their respective allies.

“The program will tell the story of the impact of the Revolutionary War on southeast Pennsylvania and how the armies lived and fought during the war,” Lewars said. “The two armies will be stationed in accurate 18th century military encampments laid out in formal arrangements and the soldiers will cook over open fires.”

Living history activities in the camps will include assembling of the armies, “trooping the colors,” period fife-and-drum music, manual of arms maneuvers, demonstrations of period arms and equipment, “fashion shows” of civilian garb and military uniforms and cooking demonstrations.

Battle demonstrations, lasting about 1 ½ hours, will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m., Sunday. The camps will be open until 5 p.m. on Saturday and break down on Sunday at 3 p.m. In addition, there will be “suttlers” selling accurate reproduction clothing, equipment, and other period items.

Admission is \$10 per adult; \$8 per senior (60 or older), and \$5 for youth (6-17).

The Homestead is the birthplace of Daniel Boone and features seven period buildings, a visitor center, recreational facilities, and miles of trails. Administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, activities at the site are supported by the Friends of the Daniel Boone Homestead, a non-profit community organization.

For more information, go to [www.danielboonehomestead.org](http://www.danielboonehomestead.org) or call (610) 582-4900.

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