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Revolutionary Germantown Festival returns Saturday, October 7, 2023, 10 AM to 4 PM **Northwest Philadelphia tradition since the 1970s**

Explore our Revolutionary past: Free, family-friendly fun

Philadelphia, PA—Northwest Philadelphia's signature free fall festival returns **Saturday, October 7, 2023** from 10 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine! The Revolutionary Germantown Festival features family-friendly activities, food from local vendors and opportunities to explore our Revolutionary past. Cliveden of the National Trust will commemorate the **246th anniversary of the Battle of Germantown**, educate both the local and regional community about Germantown's role in our nation's struggle for independence, and foster dialogue about gun violence and the role guns have played in our nation's history.

A tradition since the 1970s, the Revolutionary Germantown Festival takes visitors on a journey to the fall of 1777 when Philadelphia—then the nation's capital—and Germantown were occupied by British forces. The Battle of Germantown was a surprise attack planned by Washington in an attempt to force the British out of Philadelphia. Meet people from the past to learn about the experience of soldiers and the everyday people of Philadelphia.

Visitors can tour the Museum of the American Revolution's replica of the tent that served as George Washington's mobile headquarters throughout much of the Revolutionary War and learn about life during the war. Explore the Cliveden Carriage House to view exhibits including the Souls Shot Portrait Project and *The Turmoil of Transition: The mid-nineteenth century at Cliveden*. Children's activities provided by the sites of Historic Germantown, sutlers selling 18th century goods, and local food vendors will also be available.

Two memorials will help mark the lives lost to violence both long ago and today. At 12 pm, there will be a moment of commemoration for those who died during the Battle of Germantown. At 3:45 pm there will be a moment of remembrance for those lost to gun violence in Philadelphia in 2023.

For the event schedule, parking, and more information about the Revolutionary Germantown Festival, visit <https://cliveden.org/revolutionary-germantown-festival/>. Media personnel are welcome at the festival! Please contact Jocelyn Rouse, Marketing & Development Coordinator, at jrouse@cliveden.org for more information.

Don't miss your opportunity to explore our Revolutionary past!



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Event Schedule (Subject to change)

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Help set up the replica of General Washington's campaign tent

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Watch the troops perform a drilling demonstration

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Learn about the Surprise of Germantown from Tom McGuire

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Listen to the story of *George Washington and the General's Dog* in the Nest

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm

Commemoration for those who died during the Battle of Germantown

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Tour Cliveden and hear from British soldiers about their experience of the Battle of Germantown

* Tours are \$5 for adults, children free

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Hear from Elizabeth Drinker about her family's experience during the British occupation of Philadelphia

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Explore *Freedom on the Horizon* with Ona Judge, an enslaved woman who sought her freedom from the Washington household

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet Ned Hector, African American teamster

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Listen to the story of *George Washington and the General's Dog* in the Nest

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Help take down the replica of General Washington's campaign tent

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Moment of remembrance for the lives lost to gun violence in Philadelphia in 2023

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Finish your day by joining the Friends of Cliveden Park for Paws & Pumpkins, a costumed dog walk and community party



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Revolutionary Germantown Festival (*Courtesy of Molly Picture Studios*)

