

Dearest Colonial Educators, Entertainers, and Makers,

Next year, America will celebrate its 250th Birthday. Because of Pennsylvania's vital role in the creation of this nation, each PA county is expected to throw a celebration for its communities. Juniata County has risen to this challenge. Our county commiss-

ioners appointed me as the Juniata County Advisor to the America250PA Commission, and I've assembled a great group of our community members to form a planning committee. Together, we plan to highlight the talents of Juniata County residents, and those of our neighbors in surrounding central Pennsylvania counties.



Our once-in-a-generation celebration will be an all-day event on **Saturday June 13, 2026**, at the McAlisterville park. We hope to encourage the creation of tangible engaging connections to the founding of America for the people in our communities; to foster their curiosity for our shared history; to elevate understanding of the constant and continuing journey to build upon this Great Experiment, and to celebrate the unique and special history of central Pennsylvania.

To do this, we hope to have a full day of colonial entertainment and education, a Declaration Station, great food, special presentations, music and reenacting, hands-on colonial demonstrations, art exhibition, family and children's activities, contests, and end the day with fireworks.

We would be pleased to include your talents as a colonial maker, educator, or entertainer in the day's programming. Please see the attached form for more details to aid in your consideration.

Many people in our county fondly remember the 1976 Bicentennial and are anxious to relive those happy feelings, many through the eyes of their children or grandchildren. In this time of uncertainty and division, we are in need of a unifying celebration on the common ground of our shared history. One thing that has brought people together in the past, using both the power of nostalgia and love of history, are the other milestone commemorative events held in our various boroughs and communities over the years. They've all had healthy participation, produced fond memories, and fostered a sense of community pride. We want our county residents and visitors to walk away from this event proud of their history, more educated on community roots and how far we've come, and with a heightened sense of unity.

Together, we can make this day one for the history books! Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at 717-571-5859 or Jessica.r.guyer@gmail.com.

On behalf of the America250PA-Juniata County Planning Committee
Sincerely,

Jessica R. Guyer
Curator, Tuscarora Academy Museum
President, Juniata County Historical Society
County Advisor, America250PA



**Colonial Educators, Entertainers, and Makers Form
Juniata County's Celebration of America's 250th Birthday**
Saturday June 13, 2026 at the McAlisterville Park
10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Terms and General Information

1. Deadline to register and confirm your participation is Friday April 3rd, 2026.
2. If you also have colonial wares to sell, there is no sales vendor cost to set-up at this event. As long as your items are colonial or 250th celebratory in spirit, we welcome it.
3. If you are **volunteering** your time and talents as an educator or entertainer, we will provide you with food vouchers for lunch and dinner. *(This does not apply to paid programming).*
4. If you are a paid performer, you agree to receive your payment on-site the day of the event.
5. Once all forms have been received, we will work on program timing and location and communicate the logistics to you
6. If you are an all-day educator/maker, please have your area set up by 10 a.m.
7. You are responsible for your own tables, chairs, extension cords, etc.
8. This event will be held rain or shine.
9. We will advertise your participation and ask that you also please help promote the event.
10. We are requesting that all educators, entertainers, and makers dress in colonial attire to join in the spirit of the day. If this is not possible for you, please let us know in advance.

We would be pleased to have you join us and be featured during this historic once-in-a-generation event!

For additional information, please contact **Jessica Guyer** at 717-571-5859 or email jessica.r.guyer@gmail.com. Please leave a voicemail if I am unable to answer.

For more information about all events planned for the day as commitments are received, follow us on Facebook or Instagram at “**America250PA – Juniata County**”.

Please return the attached form with your signature **by April 3, 2026** to:
Jessica Guyer, 625 Washington Avenue, Mifflintown PA 17059.

Colonial Educators, Entertainers, and Makers Contract

Contact Name: _____

Business/Organization Name (*if applicable*): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please explain your colonial talent. What will you be making, teaching, or performing?

(*If applicable*) Space required for my stand is: _____ feet wide by _____ feet in length.

Please explain any additional requirements or needs. For example, if you are a performer or presenter, how much time do you need reserved for the final program. If you are a maker or colonial vendor, any additional space or logistical needs can be listed here. **If you have social media, please list it here so we can tag you in posts promoting the event!**

For **Unpaid Volunteer** educators/presenters only: How many people will be in your group so we can prepare enough food vouchers? _____

For **Paid Performers**, please list your required fee and to whom you would like the check made payable:

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agrees to forever discharge and release the America250PA – Juniata County Planning Committee from any and all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims, whatever arises from loss or damage to property or self. Due to the nature of the programming, the undersigned agrees to make all efforts to attend and perform as scheduled unless in case of emergency. The undersigned also agrees to all terms on the previous page.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make a copy of this form for your records.