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Dear Christmas Crossing Reenactment Participant,

We are pleased to announce Mr. John Godzeiba will be portraying General George Washington this year. The next competition for portrayal of General George Washington will be held in Fall 2011. The winning candidate portrays General Washington for two years. Start practicing!

There will be some logistical changes to watch for when you visit in December. **The Visitor's Center will be closed by December for long awaited renovations. Check in will take place in large tents near the McKonkey Ferry Inn at the intersection of 532 & 32.** We anticipate being in new, temporary modular visitor's service buildings at that time.

Enclosed is your registration packet for this year's Christmas Crossing program. You will notice that we have made some minor changes to the registration form and we have also included more detailed information for your reference. Please check to make sure that your packet includes the following:

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

RESTRICTIONS, PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS, and GENERAL INFORMATION

CLOTHING/ATTIRE GUIDELINES and SUGGESTIONS FOR PURCHASE with section from *The Source Book...*

IMPORTANT DATES

Please review the enclosed information and return your registration form by **November 16, 2009**.
Oarsmen (rowers) should submit their forms by **November 2, 2009**.

We are making continued efforts to improve communication about the Christmas Crossing Programs. Please check your e-mail for updates throughout the fall and early winter. Please inform us of any e-mail address updates, new contact information or if you would like to be removed from the Christmas Crossing Participant mailing list. If you have any questions regarding the registration process or the reenactment, please do not hesitate to contact Doug Miller or Jennifer Phillips April.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Washington Crossing Historic Park and its educational programs. We look forward to seeing you this winter!

Sincerely,

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CHRISTMAS CROSSING REENACTMENT 2009

CLOTHING/ATTIRE GUIDELINES and SUGGESTIONS FOR PURCHASE

Appropriate Revolutionary War era attire, head-to-toe, is required, including shoes. While wrapping one's feet in rags produces a desirable visual effect, it is dangerous given the weather, terrain, movement on the boats, etc. Please wear shoes under the rags. Additionally, wrapping one's shoes in rags is an acceptable method of hiding modern shoes from view.

Linen and wool were the predominant materials for clothing in the 18th century (also linsey-woolsey, a combination of the two). Please NO burlap, uncovered modern shoes, jeans, button-up/collared shirts, modern caps, zippers, etc. Thank you!

For those of you who are new to the event or wish to improve your period impression, I have gathered some information below that may be helpful to you. We are aware that reenacting/historical interpretation is often a pricey undertaking but we do appreciate the dedication and desire of our participants to create an historically accurate tribute to this crucial turning point of the American Revolution.

*Whitemarsh Encampment at Hope Lodge, PA – Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8

There is an admission fee to this event but they will have many sutlers at which you can purchase period clothes and accessories. For more information, call 215-646-1595 or visit www.ushistory.org/hope

*This website has a wonderful comprehensive list of different merchants and their contact information.

<http://www.18cnewenglandlife.org/18cnel/Merchants.htm>

*For a Marbleheader impression, please visit www.gloversregiment.org. Refer to the sections "About Us" and "Resources".

*I have also enclosed a copy of the "Reproductions" section from *The Source Book of the American Revolution: Your Guide to Revolutionary People, Places, Events and Merchandise* by Robert P. Broadwater. If you would like to purchase your own copy of the book, contact Judy Gowan with Daisy Publishing at 800-356-7622 or daisypub@aol.com.



CHRISTMAS CROSSING REENACTMENT 2009
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be completed and returned to the Park office by November 16, 2009. Forms postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
If possible, oarsmen (rowers) should submit their forms by November 2, 2009. Registration will not be available on event days.
Please send your form to: Washington Crossing Historic Park, PO Box 103, Washington Crossing PA 18977 ATT: Christmas Crossing

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number: (work) _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address: _____

Health Information: Height _____ Weight _____ Birth Date _____ Sex _____

Do you have any limiting physical conditions or disabilities? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

In case of emergency, notify: Name _____ Telephone number _____

You are NOT required to belong to a military reenactment group or society to participate in the annual Christmas Crossing program.

Unit affiliation, if any: _____

Historic character portrayal, if any: _____

I have participated in the Christmas Crossing Reenactment for _____ years.

Please check one: Oarsmen (Rower) _____ Troops* _____ Cannon Crew* _____ Other* _____

*Please indicate if you plan on crossing in the Durham Boats or plan to remain on shore _____

NOTE: If you plan on crossing the river, a doctor's note on his/her stationary stating that you are physically able to participate in this event must be included with this application. If you are unable to secure a doctor's note prior to the registration deadline, DO NOT wait to send in your registration form. You may send the doctor's note separately.

Release and Waiver

I, _____, hereby for myself and my heirs and assigns assume all risks associated with participating in the Washington Crossing Reenactment Program at Washington Crossing Historic Park (hereinafter referred to as "the Crossing"), and forever release, discharge, covenant not to sue and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and its officials, employees, agents and representatives from any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever as well as all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of any activity associated with my participation in the Crossing. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. In addition, I hereby indemnify the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission against any and all claims, demands and actions based upon or arising out of any activities associated with my participation in the Crossing.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____