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Winter Chores at the Peter Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Lansdale, PA (January 19, 2016) – How hard was winter for a family in colonial times? Visit the historic Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, January 23, 2016 between 10:00am and 4:00pm to experience how people in the late 18th through early 19th centuries coped during the colder months. Work still took place outside, while other chores occurred inside an only slightly warmer house.

Join the staff at the Peter Wentz Farmstead as they prepare meats for long-term storage and chop wood needed for cooking and heating. Learn how meats were dried over a carefully maintained “cool fire” in the smokehouse. Watch the use of specialized tools and skills necessary for sawing, chopping, and finally splitting the wood needed throughout the year.

Tours of the historic Wentz home will be offered on the hour throughout the day with a focus on the different methods of staying warm during the 18th century. The tour will finish in the outer kitchen where additional activities will be demonstrated. Watch as the staff makes tallow candles made from beef fat and prepares a hearty meal of soup, made using herbs and vegetables dried during the growing season.

A suggested donation of \$2.00 per person is greatly appreciated.

The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road in Lansdale, PA. For more information about this program and others, please call the Peter Wentz Farmstead at 610-584-5104 or visit www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead. The restored 18th century Pennsylvania German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is regularly open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and

Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with guided tours offered on the hour. The last tour begins at 3:00pm.