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History Adventures in the Summer at Pennypacker Mills

Schwenksville, PA (August 15, 2014) – Experience hands-on fun as Historic Pennypacker Mills offers History Adventures in the Summer! This week-long program is perfect for children ages five and up and parents or grandparents looking for something to do before school starts. This free program meets Tuesday, August 19, 2014 through Friday, August 22, 2014 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Experience a different theme of the early 20th century each day:

- ***Become a Junior Curator:*** Discover how objects have changed over time and then handle artifacts to determine how they were made and how they may have been used. Some objects may be familiar, but probably not all of them! Compare objects through time with the “Then and Now” exhibit. Just in time for the start of the school year, find out how desks have changed since the colonial days!
- ***Technology and the Task of Laundry:*** Find out how technology played a large role in the modernization of the Pennypacker mansion. Take a short tour of the newly restored Laundry Room, then pump water from the well and bring it to the wash tubs as kids did back in the day. Use all the latest gadgets to wash clothes and hang them out to dry. Visit the Victorian Clothes Try-on area where kids can wear a Victorian outfit, strike a pose, and take a picture using a modern camera or cell phone.
- ***All About Bees:*** The Children’s Heritage Garden is abuzz with honey bees this year. Vegetables, herbs, and flowers provide all the pollen they need to bring back to the hives at Pennypacker Mills to make honey. The resident bee keeper will be on hand to display live bees safely placed in an enclosed box and talk about how they live, what they eat, their role in the environment, how they are under threat, and what everyone can do to help. How about tasting some local honey and finding out why honey has different colors and flavors too! Tour the garden and taste, smell, and find out all kinds of interesting things about plants.

- **Fun Summer Foods:** Crank cream to make fresh butter, learn how to pull taffy, take turns turning the handle to make home-made ice cream, and more! These favorite foods will all be made using old-fashioned crank gadgets and kid-power!
- **Mansion Tours:** The Pennypacker mansion will be open during this week for families to see how 1900s technology made life easier in this large home for the servants and the Pennypacker family. Tour the newly restored Servant Area and visit the Museum Shop for great old-fashioned kids' toys!
- **Old-Fashioned Games and Crafts:** All week long there will be lawn games ready for kids to enjoy and a make it-take it craft too!

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. Located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA, the site offers year-round guided tours, educational programs, seasonal events, and changing exhibits. Call 610-287-9349 for more information. Visit the website at: <http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills>.