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In the Good Old Summertime at Pennypacker Mills
Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Schwenksville, PA (July 22, 2015) – Pennypacker Mills invites families to “In the Good Old Summertime,” an old-fashioned, Victorian, summer event on the grounds of Pennsylvania Governor Samuel Pennypacker’s early 20th century home on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This free event promises to offer a fun day for all.

Everyone will enjoy listening to musician Matthew Dodd as he shares songs and stories of the Red, White, and Blue. Matthew will play five different instruments as he shares fascinating stories about the songs and those who wrote them. The Delaware Valley Classic MG Car Club will host their Annual Car Show where visitors can see restored vintage cars as well as meet the owners. The air conditioned Pennypacker mansion will be open for tours throughout the day. See the exhibit, “What’s the Bright Idea? The Evolution of Lighting,” in the Galleries. Explore where guests were entertained, where the servants worked, and how Governor Pennypacker entertained both family and friends.

Families will especially like to explore the award winning Children’s Heritage Garden where they will use their senses to touch, taste, and smell heirloom varieties of herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Discover why heirlooms are so prized for their flavor and unique varieties. Make a garden-themed craft to take home.

Visit the General Store in the 1900’s History Center. Shop for a recipe and in the process grind some grain, weigh ingredients, and see what kinds of things were available to purchase a hundred years ago. Explore the rest of the 1900’s History Center and see exhibits on children who toiled in Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal mines, how everyday items have changed over time, see a restored rockaway carriage, and climb aboard a horse and wagon for a photo op.

Down at the mansion, try on vintage inspired clothing. Try Victorian lawn games from croquet, ring-toss, the Game of Graces, lawn dominos, and table-top games. For those looking for real relaxation, why not spend the afternoon watching it all in one of the mansion porch rocking chairs as the cool breeze wafts by.

A food vendor will be on hand offering hot dogs, refreshments, and shaved ice, an old-fashioned summer sweet treat.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. The site is located at 5 Haldeman Road in Schwenksville, PA. The site is open year round for guided tours, seasonal events, educational programs, and changing exhibits. Please call 610-287-9349 for more information. Visit Pennypacker Mills online at www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills.