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New Daily Family Program “Patriots at Play” Offers an Immersive Jump Back in Time for Young Revolutionaries



New daylong program at the Peyton Randolph site offers fun, hands-on activities that immerse children in 18th-century life

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (June 12, 2017) – Colonial Williamsburg invites revolutionaries of all ages to grab their tricorne hats and head to the Peyton Randolph site for the new, daily family program “Patriots at Play.” This interactive program, which celebrates its grand opening June 17, offers ticketed guests fun, hands-on activities that immerse children in 18th-century life.

“Our guests take joy and inspiration in the one-of-a-kind immersive experiences Colonial Williamsburg offers every day. These interactive, hands-on activities are of greatest importance for our youngest guests, many of whom are encountering the past with wonderment for the first time,” said Mitchell B. Reiss, president and CEO of Colonial Williamsburg. “In Patriots at Play, children and their families can enjoy inspirational fun and create memories they will carry with them for a lifetime.”

Activities awaiting young guests include encounters with the coach and livestock animals of Colonial Williamsburg’s Rare Breeds Program, 18th-century agricultural activities, a hay maze, period games including trap ball and draughts – predecessors of today’s baseball and board games – and craft activities such as doll-making, fence and fort building, and play-boat racing.

“So many families are drawn to Colonial Williamsburg so that their youngest members can experience amazement at the distant past, whether by hand-crafting a toy with a new friend in costume, or in their first encounter with a lamb or calf,” said Ramona V. Hill, Colonial Williamsburg journeyman cooper and Patriots at Play supervisor. “The range of activities we offer in Patriots at Play will bring joy to kids and their elders alike.”

Patriots at Play runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, weather permitting. Admission tickets and passes are available at Colonial Williamsburg ticketing locations, online at colonialwilliamsburg.com or by calling 855-296-6627. Additional information is available by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and @colonialwmsburg on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences, highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 400 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.

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