



Colonial Fort Halifax Festival Education Day at Fort Halifax Park

Hosted by The Friends of Fort Halifax Park, Inc.

Reaching young people in the community is an important component of The Friends of Fort Halifax, Inc. Mission. The ***Colonial Fort Halifax Festival***, including ***Education Day***, is vital to giving young people a living history lesson that teaches them what early American life was like in their hometown, the impact **Fort Halifax** had during the ***French and Indian War***, its significance to the surrounding areas, and its importance to the **American Colonies, Pennsylvania, and the Nation**. It is an important event for young people, helping them understand, visually imagine, experience, and appreciate this local treasure and the history it represents!

In conjunction with Halifax School District, fifth grade students and teachers arrive at Fort Halifax Park for Education Day (traditionally the first Friday/weekend of May). Students are treated to a fifth grade curriculum based living history lesson in colonial life by historians and re-enactors dressed in period attire who have volunteered to serve as docents (guide) for the day.

Period representations, speakers, exhibits, and demonstrations typically include:

- Blacksmith
- Bladesmith
- Horn Carver
- Pennsylvania Provincial officers and recruits
- Fort Augusta Regimental officers and soldiers
- Camp followers
- Native Americans
- French Milice (Militia)
- Frontier living activities such as:
 - hunting
 - trapping
 - weaving
 - carpentry
 - early American games