

# President Abraham Lincoln and the First Family are Coming to Lancaster County

[Quarryville, Pennsylvania, March 2022] On Saturday, May 21, 2022, President Abraham Lincoln and his family will be present at the 2022 Living History Encampment and Tactical Demonstrations event at the Robert Fulton Birthplace Museum and Gardens on Route 222, seven miles south of Quarryville, Pennsylvania. On that day, the entire First Family of 1865 will be present in the camps, including the President, First Lady Mary, elder son Captain Robert, and younger son Tad. Due to his busy schedule, Tad will only be present on Saturday. Visitors will have an opportunity to visit with family members throughout the weekend and to participate in a family sit down once in the morning and once in the afternoon of each day.



The camps will set up beginning on Thursday and throughout the day on Friday. Camps are open to the public from 12N-4pm on Friday. The Old Iron Grill food vendor plans to be set up and operational by noon on Friday to serve the public as well as the participants, and will remain throughout the weekend of the event. The event is open to the public on Saturday, May 21st from 10am until 8pm, and on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am until 3pm.



Also present for the weekend will be the Christian Commission with Chaplain Alan Farley and Mrs. Faith Farley, and their coffee wagon. You may visit and pray with them at any time during the event and join them for Sunday services at 1:15pm following the battle reenactment. Services are in the afternoon to allow for visitors who wish to attend their own churches in the morning.

The event grounds are divided into four general areas. Parking is in the field above the buildings with access on and off Swift Road. Handicapped parking is along the edge of the field closest to the event. Please expect some uneven terrain. A parking fee of \$1.00 will be charged per vehicle to help cover the cost of fire police and parking attendants.



Visitors walk directly onto the event grounds from the parking lot where they will immediately pass the food vendor. The upper lawn behind the buildings is the location of the Living History camp where the Christian Commission will be set up along with several generals, the Invalid Corps, program organizer/author/display about the boys of the Civil War-J. Arthur Moore, Confederate soldier Al Avery, the First Family, historian and

author Bruce Mowday, collector of Civil War photography Frank Vattelana, and more. Beyond that and down a short flight of steps is the location of the military camps of both armies, including infantry, dismounted cavalry, and artillery. These camps are open throughout the weekend and will also include gun collections, camp life, artillery and rifle demonstrations, mortician, and lead casting. Beside the military camp is the battlefield where firing demonstrations will take place as well as a battle on the afternoon of each day – Saturday and Sunday. There is an as yet unconfirmed possibility of a camp of mounted cavalry at the upper edge of the battlefield.



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