



# Coggeshall Farm Camporee

## May, 2014



## **About Coggeshall Farm**

Coggeshall Farm Museum is a living history farm set on 48 acres in Bristol, Rhode Island. The museum depicts Bristol's agrarian life in the year 1799 through live interpretation, historic structures, and heirloom plants and animals.

Interpreters dressed in accurate reproduction clothing carry out the same tasks practiced on Rhode Island's coastal tenant farms during the Federal Period. As the weather and seasons change, so too does the work, following a continuous cycle of birth, raising, and eventual harvest. Visitors to the museum encounter a New England farm at work in the years following one revolution—the war that brought independence from Great Britain—and leading up to a second—the Industrial Revolution—on the cusp of major social and technological change that would usher in new ways of understanding agriculture and the world.

The museum utilizes its entire 48 acre site as an educational environment. Visitors experience the past using all of their senses and are invited to assist the farmers with their work. The museum's collection is focused on process, not objects, and those who are willing may find meaning in the past through hands-on learning.

As an active, working restoration of a late 18th century farm, the museum is uniquely equipped to offer insight to a broad audience. By maintaining true relationships between different aspects of the farm through accurate restoration, reconstruction, and use, the museum attempts to illustrate the complexities of life in pre-industrial Rhode Island. Presented with a working historic model of alternative methods and attitudes towards ways of life and work, visitors may come away from their experience better able to contextualize current issues such as consumerism and environmental sustainability.

## Schedule

### Friday:

After 4pm: Check in at Farm

7:30 pm: Scoutmaster/SPL meeting at Farm house

### Saturday:

Sun rise: Farm life program begins

7am: Reveille and Breakfast

8:45: opening ceremony

9am-1pm: Merit badge classes

1pm-2pm: Lunch

2pm-5pm: Merit badge classes

5:15pm: Cooking Competition judging

5:30-7:00: Dinner and Clean up

Evening farm chores available first come first serve

7:30: Campfire and ribbons

### Sunday:

7am: Reveille and Breakfast

8am: Break down camp

## **Other events throughout the day**

### **-Patrol “French and English” Tournament**

This will be a patrol competition amongst troops. It will be an elimination style tournament where the strongest team wins!

### **-Hoop and Stick Race**

Several participants from each troop will be able to race with the hoop and stick. It isn't as easy as it looks, it takes skill and patience.

### **-Colonial Cook Off**

This is a cooking competition to be judged in the evening. There will be two categories, an entrée category and a dessert category. You may enter both or just on or the other. The rules are simple, you can only use ingredients found in Southern New England during the 1700s.

## **Important Information**

Please fill water jugs for drinking water prior to arrival. There will be water available on site, but this will put less stress on the well system. There will be cleaning water available. Gray water disposal will be discussed at the scoutmaster meeting on Friday night.

Parking is limited so try to utilize all space available for passengers and gear.

No open fires are permitted on the farm with the exception of the Saturday campfire.