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Meadowcroft Invites Visitors to Experience Life with a Shawnee Family
-A visiting Shawnee family will demonstrate skills crucial to their 18th century ancestors-

PITTSBURGH, May 15, 2018 – Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village – part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system – will host a special living history program called **Life with a Shawnee Family** on Saturday, May 19, featuring special extended hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shawnee Tribe member Jeremy Turner and his family will visit Meadowcroft's 18th Century Frontier Trading Post to demonstrate what daily life was like for the Shawnee Indians who inhabited Western Pennsylvania's hills and forests in the 18th century.

The Turner family and guests will demonstrate crucial skills, including trapping techniques used during the early fur trade, native cooking techniques, and more.

Special presentations throughout the day will also include 18th century fur trading and black powder demonstrations.

Visitors can also explore the interior of a wigwam, inspect carefully recreated prehistoric artifacts, learn about American Indian agriculture, and try their hand at the atlatl, a prehistoric spear-thrower.

Also included with regular admission are tours of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter, a National Historic Landmark and the oldest site of human habitation in North America that features a massive rock overhang used by the region's earliest inhabitants for shelter 16,000 years ago. Visitors can step back in time in Meadowcroft's 16th Century Monongahela Indian Village and 19th Century Historic Village.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens, and \$7 for students and children ages 6-17. Children age 5 and under and History Center members get in free.

Meadowcroft thanks **Community Bank** for its generous support of Life with a Shawnee Family.

For more information, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft or call 724-587-3412.

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Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village operates in association with the Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian and Pennsylvania's largest history museum. Meadowcroft, a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest site of human habitation in North America and features a massive rock overhang used by the region's earliest inhabitants for shelter more than 16,000 years ago. The 16th century Monongahela Indian Village includes wigwams, recreated prehistoric artifacts, and hands-on activities related to agriculture. Two 18th century structures help to spotlight the similarities and differences between the everyday lives of European settlers and American Indians in the Upper Ohio Valley. Meadowcroft's 19th century village features a covered bridge, one-room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, and church that create a charming country village setting. Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is located in Avella, Pa., Washington County, within an hour's drive of Pittsburgh. For more, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft.



Now in its 50th season, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village will host a special living history program called Life with a Shawnee Family on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (photo courtesy Jeremy Turner)



The Turner family and guests will demonstrate skills crucial to their 18th century Shawnee ancestors at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 10 a.m. (photo courtesy Jeremy Turner)

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