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## **Fall Finale: Meadowcroft to Conclude 50<sup>th</sup> Season with Day of Family Fun**

***-Activities will include cooking demonstrations, atlatl-throwing, taffy pulling parties, and more to celebrate the final day of Meadowcroft's 2018 season-***

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 22, 2018 – To celebrate the conclusion of its 50<sup>th</sup> season, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village in Avella, Pa., will host its **Fall Finale** on **Saturday, Oct. 27 from noon to 5 p.m.**

Meadowcroft, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will present fall-themed activities for the whole family throughout the day. Visitors can enjoy cooking demonstrations in the Hamilton Log House, try their hand at cornhusk crafting at the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Frontier Trading Post, and test their skills with the atlatl – a spear-thrower used by prehistoric hunters – in a recreated 16<sup>th</sup>-century Monongahela Indian Village.

In addition, visitors can bring their sweet tooth to special taffy pulling parties at the King House for an additional \$3 fee per participant. Space is limited for the taffy pulling, so reservations are required by calling 724-587-3412.

Throughout the day, Meadowcroft guests can explore 16,000 years of history – from the prehistoric wonder of the Rockshelter, to a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Monongahela Indian Village, and through the lives of Upper Ohio Valley residents during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. In addition to experiencing living history, visitors can enjoy a stroll over the beautifully restored Pine Bank Covered Bridge, winner of a 2018 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award.

Except for taffy pulling parties, all Fall Finale activities are included with Meadowcroft admission: \$15 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens, and \$7 for students and children ages 6-17. Children ages 5 and under and History Center members get in free.

For more information, visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft) or call 724-587-3412.

**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](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft).



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