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Fall Finale: Meadowcroft to Conclude Season with Day of Family Fun
-Activities include cooking demonstrations, atlatl-throwing, taffy pulling parties, and more to celebrate the conclusion of Meadowcroft's 51st season-

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 14, 2019 – To celebrate the conclusion of its 2019 season, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village in Avella, Pa., will host its **Fall Finale** on **Saturday, Oct. 26 from noon to 5 p.m.**

Meadowcroft, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will present a day of fall-themed activities for the whole family. Visitors can enjoy cooking demonstrations in the Hamilton Log House and test their skills with the atlatl – a spear-thrower used by prehistoric hunters – in a recreated 16th-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 19,000 years of history – from the prehistoric wonder of the Rockshelter, to a 16th-century Monongahela Indian Village, and through the lives of Upper Ohio Valley residents during the 18th and 19th centuries.

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.

The final day of Meadowcroft's 2019 season will be Sunday, Oct. 27.

For more information, visit 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 19,000 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.



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