



## **News From the Pittsburgh 250 News Bureau**

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### **Carlisle Colonial Encampment Part of Pittsburgh 250 Celebration** *Event Commemorates Forbes Expedition of 1758, Pittsburgh 250*

CARLISLE, Pa., May 28, 2008 – Pittsburgh 250 salutes Historic Carlisle, Inc., which begins the march toward Pittsburgh's 250th anniversary by hosting a colonial encampment June 7 and 8 on the John Dickinson Campus of Dickinson College, Carlisle Pa. This event, which commemorates the Forbes Expedition of 1758, is free and open to the public.

In May of 1758, Brigadier Gen. John Forbes launched a campaign to seize Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh) from French forces. Gen. Forbes mustered troops in Carlisle and carved a road west (on what is now known as the Forbes Trail) for this historic victory.

History buffs can experience 1758 today through the encampment of the 18th century troops in Carlisle as more than 125 individuals of British and Colonial reenactment units bivouac for two days. Soldiers from the 77th Grenadiers and Light Infantry; Maryland Forces, Dagworthy's; Captain Trent's Company; Augusta Battalion, Pennsylvania Provincials; Roger's Rangers; Donegal Riflemen (including Native Americans); the Pennsylvania German Regiment and Weiser's Battalion will all muster in the camp. Meet Gen. John Forbes and witness the muster and drilling of troops, sick call with colonial surgeons, camp life and campfire cooking, children's puppet show, etc. Enjoy PA Humanities Council Commonwealth Speaker and storyteller, Alan Irvine, relating

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tales of Gen. Forbes at the Weiss Center. In the evening, enjoy the music and merriment as colonial dancers demonstrate their intricate steps. Sunday, worship at Colonial services Sunday at the camp.

Pittsburgh 250 Inc. is partnering with Historic Carlisle, Inc. in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Forbes campaign in two ways, with publication of *Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail: Gateways and Getaways Along the Legendary Route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh* and production of the American Eagle Outfitters Tour of Pennsylvania, presented by Highmark Healthy High 5®. *Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail* is a heritage tourism driving guide that features Carlisle and six other communities across the Commonwealth that were part of the Forbes expedition. For more information, visit [www.forbestrail.org](http://www.forbestrail.org).

The Tour of Pennsylvania is an international stage cycling race for riders under 25 years old from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, June 24-29. Twenty teams from around the world will compete in the first-of-its-kind event. The Tour will bring the thrill of an international sporting event to Carlisle with the finish of Stage Two on Wednesday, June 25. The start of Stage Three, a race to Bedford will take place in nearby Camp Hill on Thursday, June 26. More information is available at [www.tourofpa.com](http://www.tourofpa.com).

This event will be followed by Candlelight Tours of Colonial Carlisle on July 7.

### **Historic Carlisle, Inc. Forbes Encampment**

#### **Events and Times:**

Encampment: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8;  
Tales of the Forbes Expedition with Commonwealth Speaker and Storyteller Alan Irvine, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7; Colonial Dance, 7:30 -- 9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 7; Divine Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sunday, June 8

#### **Location:**

The John Dickinson Campus of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

#### **Cost:**

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**About Historic Carlisle, Inc.:**

Historic Carlisle, Inc. is a non-profit corporation. Its mission is to recognize and promote the history of Carlisle and Cumberland County. The mission is accomplished through annual presentations and celebrations, educational programs, and the installation of Wayside Markers.

**About Pittsburgh 250:**

Pittsburgh 250 is the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the naming of the region in 1758. With the support of business, government and civic leaders from across the region, Pittsburgh 250 has set three goals: Improve awareness of Southwestern Pennsylvania as a global leader in arts, science and quality of life through an integrated regional marketing effort; support the completion of lasting signature projects that connect the region's past to its future; and improve the region's competitiveness for future generations by encouraging grassroots participation in improving communities, attracting visitors, and living healthier lives.