

There's a crisp chill in the air and the leaves are beginning to turn brilliant shades of gold, orange and burgundy! Autumn is arriving and there is no other time of the year that puts excitement in the air quite like fall. The kids are back in school and Halloween decorating is a top priority. But don't let the cooler temperatures and busy schedule stop you from reveling in all the splendor that the season has to offer out of doors!

- ▶ Pick your own apples at a local orchard and make an apple pie from scratch!
- ► Lurk in historical cemeteries and learn their history and the history of those interred there.
- ▶ Make hot dogs and s'mores on an open fire by purchasing a fire pit for the backyard or patio. Extending the life of your outdoor activities and quality time spent with loved ones is well worth the investment!
- ► Take a hay ride or traverse a corn maze!
- ► Go pumpkin pickin' and make Jack o'lanterns!
- ► Take a hike—breathe in the fresh, crisp air and marvel at the autumn hues. Don't forget to pack a picnic lunch.
- ▶ Drive in the mountains and leaf peep.
- Experience the chills at a local town ghost walk.
- ► Cuddle on the front (or back) porch with a cozy blanket, hot cocoa (or tea) and a good book.
- ► Enjoy an area autumn or harvest festival.
- ▶ Go horseback riding.
- ▶ Entertain friends by hosting an outdoor brunch.
- ▶ Rake leaves and jump in them!

# Local State Parks Events for Autumn!

## KINGS GAP ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

500 Kings Gap Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

## **Garden Harvest Day**

Sunday, October 7 \* 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the bounty of autumn with the Friends of Kings Gap and Cumberland County Master Gardeners. The afternoon will include a variety of activities featuring the fall garden: apple cider pressing, kettle-cooked soup, crafts for all ages, garden tours, plant displays, music and more! Bring your appetite and enjoy an afternoon in the fresh mountain air. The program will be held in and around the mansion garden.

## LITTLE BUFFALO STATE PARK

1579 State Park Road, Newport, PA 17074

## Little Buffalo Festival

Saturday, October 6 \* 12:00 Noon - 6:30 p.m.

An eclectic mix of music, art, sustainable living workshops, great eats, a poetry corner and activities for kids of all ages. Musical guests will include: Trinity High School Percussion Ensemble, Koretzky, Neidig Gehret & Campbell, The Reese Project, The Jellybricks, Elemental Groove Theory, Nina Scarcia, Seasons, The Robert Bobby Trio and Mama Corn. The Kids' ArtsFest will be ensconced in an area all its own.Trail of Fun, parades and games will keep little hands and feet very busy with workshops, a puppet show, a family sing-along and the Popcorn Hat Players.

## **Old Fashioned Apple Festival**

Saturday & Sunday, October 20-21 \* 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tour Shoaff's 19th century water-powered mill where you can sample fresh cider you saw being made. Try some tasty cornmeal baked goods. Then head to the second floor to see the millstones grinding cornmeal, while out front apple butter is cooking away. Enjoy excellent musical entertainment both days. On Saturday at 1:00 pm there will be an old fashioned cake walk. If you would like to purchase apple butter please bring your own clean marked jars. Shoaff's Mill roasted cornmeal will be sold

## PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE PARK

1100 Pine Grove Road, Gardners, PA 17324

#### Fall Fest

Saturday & Sunday, October 20-21 \* 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The annual Fall Furnace Festival features food and craft vendors, live entertainment, Environmental Education programs, historical demonstrations, hikes, hay rides, pumpkin carving, scarecrow making, kids crafts and campsite decorating. Saturday night's events include the Hairy Hand Pumpkin Float Program followed by a bonfire at the Ironmaster's Mansion.

## **ON TELEVISION:**

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

"Death and the Civil War"

Tuesday, September 18 8:00-10:00 p.m. PBS

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Antietam, the single bloodiest day of battle on American soil, American Experience will premiere "Death and the Civil War," by six-time Emmy-award winning filmmaker Ric Burns.

Based on the best-selling book This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War by acclaimed historian Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University, the documentary examines how the unprecedented death toll and carnage of the war challenged American cultural attitudes about death and fundamentally transformed federal government policies towards soldiers.

## THE PHANTOM CARRIAGE AT THE NED SMITH CENTER FOR NATURE & ART

The Ned Smith Center and Moviate will continue their collaborative live music to film series with the 1921 classic silent film, The Phantom Carriage with a live original score by Harrisburg's own The Living Screen.



DATE: Saturday, Oct. 20 7:30 p.m. ADMISSION: \$6.00 per person

Ned Smith Center for Nature & Art 176 Water Company Road Millersburg, PA 17061

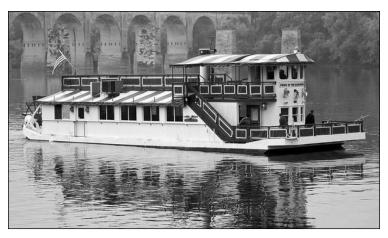
### About the movie:

It's New Year's Eve. Three drunkards evoke a legend. The legend tells that the last person to die in a year, if he is a great sinner, will have to drive during the whole year the Phantom Chariot, the one that picks up the souls of the dead. George, one of the three drunkards, dies at the last stroke of midnight.

The next New Year's Eve, a woman stricken with tuberculosis asks her mother, Maria, to call David Holm to visit her on her deathbed. Meanwhile, David (an alcoholic) is recounting the legend of the phantom coach and his coachmen to two other drunkards in the cemetery. In accordance with the legend, the last sinner to die on the turn of the New Year becomes the soul collector, gathering souls in his coach. When David refuses to visit, his friends have an argument with him, they fight and David dies. When the coachman arrives, he recognizes his friend George, who died at the end of the last year. George revisits parts of David's obnoxious life and in flash backs, he shows how mean and selfish David was.

# To get tickets call (717) 692-3699 or go online to:

http://nedsmithcenter.ticketleap.com/phantomcarriage



PRIDE OF THE SUSQUEHANNA

## FALL FOLIAGE DINNER CRUISES

Take in the splendor of autumn

Sundays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 30, October 7, 14 & 21

Price: \$42.00 per person

The special autumn menu features two choices of entrees: Tom Turkey with Au Jus **OR** Apple Grilled Pork Served with a fall salad (greens topped with roasted pecans, diced apples, tomatoes and balsamic vinaigrette), dinner rolls, baked sweet potato casserole, corn souffle, carrot cake and coffee/tea.

This is all accompanied by natural entertainment in the changing leaves, live music provided by Tony Anacan and a fully stocked cash bar. Your voyage price is all-inclusive-=exceptions of tips for volunteer servers, bartender and beverages purchased at the bar.

The Pride is handicapped and wheelchair accessible. Ages 13+. Restrooms are available onboard. Any special requests or wish to sit with a specific party, please let us know.

Advanced registration required.

To register, go to:

http://shop.harrisburgriverboat.com/Fall-Foliage-Dinner-Cruise c6.html

## **IN THEATERS:**

# Get your spook on at the theater this Halloween!

## **Hotel Transylvania**

Animated Family Comedy (PG) Dracula, who operates a high-end resort away from the human world, goes into overprotective mode when a boy discovers the resort and falls for the count's teen-aged daughter.

## The Apparition

Loosely based on "The Phillip Experiment" A couple are haunted by a supernatural presence that is unleashed during a college experiment.

#### Frankenweenie

Animated Comedy Horror by Tim Burton. Young Victor conducts a science experiment to bring his beloved dog Sparky back to life, only to face unintended consequences.

