



Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

History Camp - 2026

Looking for a unique experience for your child this summer? The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum is excited to present its hands-on History Camp on August 7 & 8. Children ages 10-18 will be able to spend two days immersing themselves in the rough and tumble lifestyle of a 19-century woodhick. On day one, campers will try their hand at activities like cooking, using a crosscut saw, rolling a log, peeling bark, and throwing axes. They'll play games like horseshoes, seed spitting, and model log raft racing. On the second day, they will discover the mammals that call PA home and the importance of bees in the ecosystem. They'll learn different methods for making fire and demonstrate their newly gained woodhick lumber skills.

The program will be administered by the staff and volunteers of the PA Lumber Museum. Pre-registration is required for participation. The registration deadline is July 15, 2026. Please call (814-435-2652) or email palumbermuseum@gmail.com to register for this event.

Scholarships covering the full admission cost are available for a limited number of campers. Interested campers must submit a 200-250 word essay about "Why I want to go to History Camp," to be judged by the museum Events Committee for content. Essays must be submitted by June 27, 2026, to palumbermuseum@gmail.com or mailed to the PA Lumber Museum.

Get the Facts about History Camp:

Where?	The PA Lumber Museum
When?	August 7 & 8, 2026
What Time?	Starting at 9 AM each day
How Much?	\$50 non-member/\$45 museum member
Ages?	Ages 10-18
What's Included?	2 days of camp, breakfast and lunch on Aug. 7 (provided by PA Lumber Museum Association—PALMA)
What's Not Included?	Meals on Aug. 8; lodging

Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

Friday, August 7 (Day 1)

- 9:00 AM Registration at the PA Lumber Museum admissions desk and introductory activity.
- 9:30 AM Help camp cooks prepare a breakfast fit for a woodhick then dine on pancakes, stewed apples, and sausage in our Mess Hall.
- 10:30 AM Overview of the forest history of Pennsylvania with a guided tour of the museum.
- 11:00 AM Learn about the use of horses in the lumber industry with demonstration by museum volunteer
- 12:00 PM Lunch in the Mess Hall.
- 1:00 PM Start of woodhick skills demonstrations, training and contests, hands-on activities.
- 3:30 PM Woodhick games- fun competitions for program participants that relate to wood hick culture (horseshoes, seed spitting, log raft races, birling, etc.)- *bring a bathing suit and towel*
- 5:00 PM End of the first day's activities.

Saturday, August 8 (Day 2)

- 9:00 AM Arrive at PA Lumber Museum
- 9:30 AM Learn about bees and the vital role they play in our ecosystem with a presentation from a beekeeper at Kettle Creek Apiary
- 10:30 AM Continue practicing woodhick lumber skills and games
- 11:30 AM Lunch in the Mess Hall
- 12:30 PM Learn about Pennsylvania mammals and fire making with Art Dawes of PA Wilderness Skills
- 2:00 PM End of second day's activities