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SPRINGTON MANOR HOLDS SHEEP & WOOL DAY **A day of shearing, spinning, playing & learning**

(Glenmoore, PA) - The sheep are losing their winter wool, and you're invited to the shearing! Chester County's annual **Sheep & Wool Day** will be held **Saturday, April 29** from **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM** at **Springton Manor Farm** in **Glenmoore, PA**.

The highlight of the day is the annual shearing of the herd, which takes place throughout the day. Gather round the tent to watch the shearer remove the woolen fleece from twenty sheep and learn how it is used.

From **11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**, Indian Run Environmental Education Center (IREEC) will be on stage with their "Hunters of the Sky" program. Enjoy a close up look at live raptors, including a falcon and owls, and discover their amazing adaptations for survival. Handicapped by injuries sustained in the wild, these birds now reside locally at the IREEC in Glenmoore.

At **2:00 PM**, **Mr. David Perry** will perform his "Drawings, Songs & Silliness" show. This creative concoction of music, art, puppets, props and humor are guaranteed to appeal to the young and young-at-heart. From **11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**, Mr. Perry will be drawing caricature portraits tailored to your choice of theme.

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation will demonstrate papermaking and butter churning while educating about the handmade processes. Visitors can also test their skill at 18th century toys and games.

Members from the **Lancaster Spinners & Weavers Guild, Henrietta and Honey Brook Libraries, and Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers** will demonstrate wool spinning, carding, rug hooking, weaving, crocheting and other artisan crafts.

Visit with the animals in Springton's Great Barn and have your Farm Passport stamped, or tour the Family Farm Museum to learn about seasonal tools used on Chester County farms from the 1700's to the 1900's. Watch a portable saw mill utilize our forest's resources. **Penn State Extension and 4-H Clubs** will also provide animal exhibits including ponies, milking goats, cows and swine, and information on Lyme disease.

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Chester County Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale offering a mix of vegetables, herbs and native plants, and **Chester County Food Bank** will showcase its partnership with Springton Manor through tours of its outdoor classroom and raised bed gardens.

Many exhibitors will have family activities. **Chester County Library** will conduct three-legged races and egg and spoon toss games. Meet Smokey Bear, play in the corn cribs, make sand art, have your face painted, and appreciate the significance of tractors - old and new. Visit the craft vendors displaying assorted products from jewelry to soaps, home decor to bird houses. Grab lunch or a snack from a selection of food vendors.

Talk with representatives from **Safe Kids, Purple Martin Conservation Association, Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research, Yellow Springs Farm, Anselma Mill, Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, and Chester County Planning Commission** to learn about their organizations and latest projects.

Take a wagon ride through Springton's scenic 300 acres and help support the **Friends of Springton Manor**. This non-profit group dedicated to recreation, education, conservation and preservation of the Farm, will have information on becoming involved with activities at the park and provide a hands-on activity.

Sheep & Wool Day will serve as a **donation location for Chester County Pet Pantry's Animal House Project**. Their wish list priorities include dry cat and dog food, wet cat and dog food, and litter. They also have a need for toys and accessories, gift cards and coupons to pet stores, first aid and sanitation products, and operating supplies.

The event will be held rain or shine. Parking is \$5 per car, and admission and most activities are free. Vendors will have products for sale and an ATM is available on site.

*Springton Manor Farm is a working demonstration farm operated by Chester County Facilities & Parks located five miles west of Downingtown, off Route 322 in Glenmoore. Visit <http://www.chesco.org/1746/Springton-Manor-Farm> for more information, call the park at **610-942-2450**, or visit <http://chesco.org/2307/Sheep-Wool-Day>.*

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