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JAMES A. GARFIELD HISTORIC SITE TO HOST UPCOMING EASTER EGG ROLL

PAINESVILLE, OH, March 29, 2022 — The James A. Garfield National Historic Site will be holding an Easter Egg Roll on Monday April 18th from 1:00-3:00 pm (weather permitting). Hosted by First Lady Lucretia Garfield, this free, family-friendly event includes various activities, egg hunts, and a visit from the Easter Bunny in addition to the egg roll. Origami artists will also be featured along with balloon twisters.

As one of the oldest and most beloved events in presidential history, children have enjoyed gathering on the west grounds of the U.S. Capitol building to roll decorated hard-boiled eggs down the terraced lawn for over 140 years and the egg hunt at Garfield's site is modeled after that tradition. Although Garfield was only President for 200 days, he participated in the White House Egg Roll in 1881.

"We are proud to recognize Lake County as the home of President Garfield and I look forward to the annual Egg Roll that is held there; one of their most attended events," said Lake County Commissioner John Plecnik. It typically draws over 500 participants every year. Plecnik will be in attendance this year to present certificates to the event winners.

The James A. Garfield Alliance is currently seeking support for this event in the form of donations or gift cards which will be used for candy and prizes. The Alliance preserves Garfield's legacy by supporting the national historic site through philanthropy and inspiring communities into action. It advocates for the site by supporting educational and community programs and other needs that enhance the public use and enjoyment of the historic site.

"The programs that the James A. Garfield Alliance are involved in help educate the public by preserving history through storytelling. They truly engage our community and generate interest in this national treasure," commented Commission President John Hamercheck.

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Commissioner Ron Young added, "If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the James A. Garfield Historic Site, I encourage you to do so. You can explore the grounds or take a guided tour and they have so many interesting exhibits, it's well worth a visit."

Please contact Marc Nathanson at (216) 773-5270 or via email at mnathanson@jgarfieldalliance.org for sponsorship opportunities. The James A. Garfield National Historic Site is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The site offers guided Garfield home tours, museum exhibits, a biographical film, walking paths, and two outdoor cell phone tours. For more information, call (440) 255-8722 or visit www.nps.gov/jaqa. On social media, you can find the site as @GarfieldNPS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



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