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JAHA to offer Boy Scout merit badges workshops

Saturday, Sept. 29 workshops to be held at Heritage Discovery Center

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – The Johnstown Area Heritage Association will offer two workshops to help area Boy Scouts earn the “Citizenship in the Community” and “American Heritages” merit badges. The workshops will be held at the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively.

The “Citizenship in the Community” merit badge workshop, which is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., is a requirement for Boy Scouts seeking to become Eagle Scouts. The badge teaches scouts more about how their community operates, and how to be an active participant in it. Scouts must complete some requirements for the badge before arriving for the workshop; for details, see www.jaha.org.

The “American Heritages” badge workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. Scouts wishing to complete this badge are asked to choose two groups that have different racial, cultural, national or ethnic backgrounds. The workshop will include the Eastern European ethnic group highlighted in the Heritage Discovery Center’s permanent exhibit, “America: Through Immigrant Eyes.”

Each workshop costs \$10 per scout, which includes museum admission, program facilitation and materials. Individual scouts and entire troops are welcome to complete one or both workshops; those planning to attend both are asked to bring bagged lunches, including drinks.

For more information on the workshops or to sign up, contact JAHA’s museum educator, Danielle Miller, at 814-539-1889 x305. A downloadable brochure about the event is available on the “News & Special Events” page of www.jaha.org.

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown’s unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. In addition to the Johnstown Flood Museum, the Frank & Sylvia

Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center, and the Wagner-Ritter House & Garden, JAHA produces the AmeriServ Johnstown FolkFest, a 3-day free music festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; flood commemoration events; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. The Johnstown Children's Museum is currently under construction and will open in 2008. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.