

# Tentative schedule for Mason-Dixon 250 in 2017

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Mason-Dixon Historical Park, 79 Buckeye Road, Core, WV 26541  
Just 3 miles southwest of Mount Morris, Pa.

## **Friday, Oct. 13**

*Surveyors instruction day; set-up day for participating groups.*

**All day** – *Off-site activities.* Visitors to the festival will be encouraged to visit local historic sites, such as Friendship Hill, Fort Necessity, etc. Mason-Dixon Historical Park will be open for hiking, and the 1883 marker atop Brown's Hill will be accessible.

**10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Surveyors instruct local high school students about methods of surveying, baseball field near Dunkard Creek, and at Mason-Dixon Line:

- **10:30 a.m. to noon** – An overview of surveying, and field exercises of early surveying methods and equipment used during the time of Mason and Dixon.
- **Noon to 12:30 p.m.** – Lunch break.
- **12:30 to 2 p.m.** – Field exercises and demonstrations of modern surveying methods and equipment used today.

**Noon to 6 p.m.** – Setup open for vendors, crafters, historical societies, re-enactors.

**6 p.m.** – Welcome reception: Open to the public. Meet the historians. Red Barn. Food and discussion.

## **Saturday, Oct. 14**

*All family festival and historic activities are under way.*

**10 a.m.** – Festival opens for the day. Craft show opens in Annex building, quilt show opens in the park's historic log cabins. Ham radio demonstrations. Astronomers with displays, information, solar observations during the day. Mason-Dixon store opens in Red Barn or in Annex building.

- **Also starting at 10 a.m.** – Vendors, historical societies, authentic re-enactors in South Bottom area along the Mason-Dixon Line, displays and instruction by surveyors.

**10 a.m.** – Opening ceremony at park amphitheater's main stage. Clay-Battelle High School band will perform. MC Pete Zapadka will introduce special guests, including John Dixon a grand nephew of Jeremiah Dixon.

**10 a.m.** – Golf cart shuttles begin. Two shuttles will operate between the main parking area and the quilt show in the log cabins; eight shuttles will run between the ballfield area to the Mason-Dixon Line along Dunkard Creek to the historic re-enactment camp area.

**11 a.m. to noon** – Surveying: Colonial surveying demonstration on the Mason-Dixon Line with compass and chain technique and the use of levels or poles, and a circumferentor.

**11:30 a.m.** – Discussion: Pete Zapadka, who annually leads the Mason-Dixon hike in the park, will talk about Mason and Dixon and their famous survey, and their contemporaries, including Andrew Ellicott, David Rittenhouse, Cephas H. Sinclair and C.H. van Orden. Gather in the Red Barn.

**12 p.m.** – Music: Cherylann Hawk, folk singer. Main stage.

**Noon to 12:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Transit and tape demonstration at the ball field.

**1 to 1:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Electronic distance meter and theodolite and total station demonstration.

**2 p.m.** – Music: Dave Iglar, rock and blues. Main stage.

**2 to 2:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Robotic total station demonstration.

**3 to 3:30 p.m.** – Surveying: GPS demonstration.

**3:45 p.m.** – Discussion: Surveyor and historian Don Teter will discuss West Virginia's border with Maryland known as the Deakins Line. Gather in the Red Barn.

**4 p.m.** – Music: 2 Bridges Road, rock, country. Main stage.

**4 to 4:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Scanning technology demonstration.

**5 to 5:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Drone/UAV demonstration.

**6 p.m.** – Golf cart shuttles end.

**6 p.m.** – Music: Jenny Wilson Jazz. Main stage.

**7 p.m.** – Public star party. Carnegie-Mellon and Pitt astronomers, Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, others. Come see the stars that guided Mason and Dixon!

**7 p.m.** – Craft show, quilt show close.

### **Sunday, Oct. 15**

*All family festival and historic activities are under way.*

**10 a.m.** – Festival opens for the day. Craft show opens in Annex building, quilt show opens in the park's historic log cabins. Ham radio demonstrations. Astronomers with displays, information, solar observations during the day. Mason-Dixon store opens in Red Barn or in Annex building.

- ***All day starting at 10 a.m.*** – *Vendors, historical societies, authentic re-enactors in South Bottom area along the Mason-Dixon Line, displays and instruction by*

*surveyors.*

**10 a.m.** – Golf cart shuttles begin.

**11 a.m. to noon** – Surveying: Combination of compass and chain and transit and tape demonstration.

**Noon** – Music: Weary Space Wanderer, Appalachian folk. Main stage.

**Noon to 12:30 p.m.** – Surveying: Total station and robotic total station demonstration.

**2 p.m.** – Music: Soldiers and Sons. Spiritual, folk. Main stage.

**1 to 2 p.m.** – Surveying: GPS, scanning and Drone/UAV demonstration.

**3 p.m.** – Main dedication event at the main crossing of the Mason-Dixon Line, main trail, next to Dunkard Creek.

- Speakers and dedication of newly installed crossing markers next to the main trail next to Dunkard Creek at South Bottom, and rededication of the Mason-Dixon Line as it turns 250! Pete Zapadka will MC event.
- Music by Clay-Battelle choir singing "God Save the Queen" and the "Star-Spangled Banner."
- Duet from Weary Space Wanderer to perform "Country Roads" to honor West Virginia as a Mason-Dixon state, and finally, the Mason-Dixon anthem, "Sailing to Philadelphia."
- Event will include reading of proclamation from Great Britain, other proclamations. Notables to be introduced: John Dixon, a grand nephew of Jeremiah Dixon. Todd Babcock of the Mason-Dixon Line Preservation Partnership. Others.
- Afterward, a visit to the 1883 marker atop Brown's Hill and to the nearby site of Mason and Dixon's last observation station just shy of the top of the hill.

**4 p.m.** – Craft and quilt shows close.

**4:30 p.m.** – Golf cart shuttles end.

**5 p.m.** – Event closes.

***See you next October on The Line at Mason-Dixon Historical Park!***