



**Chesapeake
Crossroads**

HERITAGE AREA

Ready to join Maryland Day 2026?
Register as an official partner and
submit your events today!



Start Planning your Events NOW!

<https://marylandday.org/partners-portal/>



*Early bird
registration is open*



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<https://www.marylandday.org/>



Maryland Day



Mark your calendar!

Now - Feb 15, 2026 - Early Bird Registration

Feb. 16 - Mar. 15, 2026 - Standard Registration

Mar. 2 - 9, 2026 Maryland Day promotional materials available for pickup

March 19, 2026 CCHA Annual Meeting, Awards Ceremony and a Special
Maryland Day Celebration 2026 Kick-off event!

March 25, 2026 - Ceremonial Liberty Tree Scion planting at the Paca
House in collaboration with Historic Annapolis.

How to get involved!!

1

Register your organization as an official Maryland Day Celebration 2026 Partner. Creates your official profile on the website, and once the participation fee is paid, you can submit your events and programs to our calendar. Gives access our toolkits, logos, and marketing assistance.

Have ready when registering

- Organization Name, email address, phone number
- Website link
- Organization description
- Organization Logo
- Organization Mailing address
- Contact Person Name and email address

2

Create your event!

Consider your staffing availability and capacity.

If you rely heavily on volunteers, let us help you build a program that packs punch, but is more self-directed for your visitors. Maybe a virtual tour might be just the sweet spot or a casual open house?

Build Capacity and Collaborate!!

Look to your neighbors and colleagues to share resources, Co-host events with a nearby site, cross-promote each other's events, and even leverage each other's audiences and marketing channels for greater reach. Work with a local businesses to seek their support and partnerships.

Consider a visiting speaker

We are expanding our Speakers Bureau, a collection of subject specialists willing to give talks about their research area. This is an opportunity for partnerships and networking that may be outside of your organization's current contacts.

3

Submit your scheduled events and programs

Once you have nailed down your days and times, submit them online- We will approve the event, then post them on our Calendar of Events, on our Interactive Maps, and help you start getting the word out across the region!

4

Promote your Events!

Set up a Facebook event, (Add Maryland Day and Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area as a co-hosts!), then let us help you get the word out. Make sure that your event title IS NOT JUST "Maryland Day" but is unique and descriptive of your special event or program.





Steps in creating a Facebook event

1. From your Feed, click Events in the left menu. You may have to click See More first.
2. In the left menu, click Create new event.
3. Add your event details by following the prompts to enter information about your event like location, description, cover photo and more (the same as what you submit to the Maryland Day Website!).
4. Add Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area as a co-host
6. Click Create event and you are good to go!

Don't forget to add hashtags that emphasize your association with Maryland Day Celebrations and that will highlight the topic or theme of your event. Here are some suggestions~

#MarylandDay #MarylandDayCelebration2026

#ChesapeakeCrossroads #MarylandHeritageAreasAuthority

#MD250 #Annapolis250 #BeRevolutionary #VAAAC #VisitAnnapolis

#localhistory #heritage #historymatters

#onlyinmaryland #Annapolis #AnneArundelCounty



Invite a subject matter expert (perhaps from the new CCHA “Speakers Bureau” list) to present at your site	Reach out to local scouting groups and invite them to your site to earn their “Maryland Heritage Patch” or “Playing the Past” badge	Work with other sites or organizations to develop your own curated multi-site itinerary!
Build out a Scavenger Hunt at your site (or with others)	Host a Book Club, Trivia contests or an historic-themed Movie Night	Pop Up History (15 minute talks in unexpected places!)
Culinary events- Submit your best recipe, host a local foodways cook-offs	Organize an historic themed photography or poetry contest	Explore local history through cemetery tours (Taphophile!)
Promote a clean up in service to your community or heritage site	Work with other sites or organizations to develop your own curated multi-site itinerary! OR reach out to us about the curated itineraries we are developing via storymaps	Consider an exclusive or one-time only “Behind the Scenes” tour of your site
Set up an Oral History Station and ask visitors what Liberty and Justice For All means to them?	Channel your inner spy, and use a cipher wheel or invisible ink to engage with your visitors	Host your own local Maryland Day Celebration-themed musical performance by local talent and make it a party
Partner with your local community library to host an event or suggest a local history book reading	Create a Heritage Site Bingo Card to encourage exploration of your site and its stories	Offer an Crafts or Arts interactive- Paint the Maryland Flag, create a puzzle, or sketch an historic house or landscape.