



North
Carolina
**HISTORIC
SITES**

The President
James K. Polk State Historic Site

MEDIA ADVISORY

Media Contact: Scott Warren or Kate Moore (704) 889-7145, polk@ncdcr.gov

Release Date: 11/08/18

A CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROPORTIONS: CELEBRATING THREE ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVITIES

Family Fun in Pineville to Celebrate President Polk's 223rd Birthday, the Site's 50th, and Charlotte's 250th.

Though James K. Polk may not have been the most jovial man to hold the Presidential Office, we know he would have appreciated the annual celebration of his life. **Admission is \$5 per car. Living historians** will demonstrate historic hearth cooking, long rifle firing, spinning on the great wheel, how laundry was done before modern conveniences, and more. **Brigadier General Thomas Polk and his wife Susannah** will be at the site to discuss their role in the founding of Charlotte 250 years ago. **The Myers Park Consort** and **Laura Semilian** will perform historic songs. Children will enjoy **crafts, games**, and trying their hand at **using a feather quill** to sign President Polk's birthday card. A few select **historic vendors** will be on site, so why not start your holiday shopping early? Finally, what would a birthday party be without a **cake**? We will have some celebratory sweets available until they run out!

WHAT: *President James K. Polk Birthday Celebration*

WHEN: **Saturday, 10 November 2018, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

WHERE: **President James K. Polk State Historic Site
12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC**

WHO: **The President James K. Polk State Historic Site**

WHY: **To celebrate the birth of the 11th President of the United States here in Mecklenburg County in November of 1795, the 50th anniversary of the Historic Site, and the 250th anniversary of Charlotte's founding.**

Scott Warren, Site Manager, or Kate Moore, Assistant Site Manager, will be available to answer all media inquiries and for interviews leading up to the event and on the day of. They may be reached at (704) 889-7145 or polk@ncdcr.gov.

About the President James K. Polk State Historic Site

The President James K. Polk State Historic Site is an agency of the Division of State Historic Sites, which is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history and culture. For more information, visit www.jameskpolk.net or www.polk.nchistoricsites.org and find us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/JamesKPolkSHS>, on Twitter @JKPolkSHS, and on Instagram @JamesKPolkSHS. # # #

*The President James K. Polk State Historic Site, 12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC 28134
704-889-7145 ::: polk@ncdcr.gov
www.polk.nchistoricsites.org ::: www.jameskpolk.net*