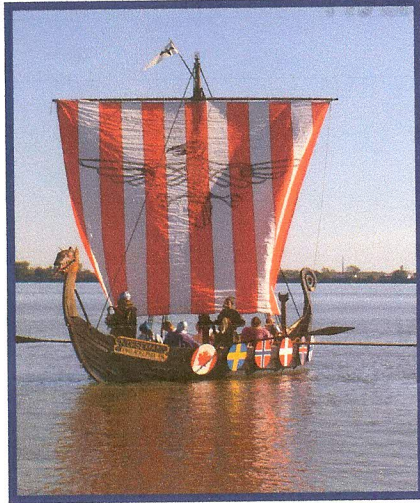


LEIF ERICSON DAY

Sunday, October 12, 2014



Featured Country



SWEDEN

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Ship Sailing from 12 Noon to 1:30pm

2:00pm – Annual Ceremony (Free)

Marsh Creek State Park

Western Launch site, Downingtown, PA

(Dignitaries, V.I.P.'s, Guest Speakers, Vikings, and more...)

see the "Norseman" Viking Ship

GPS directions to Launch site are below

4:30p.m. -Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn,

720 E. Eagleview Blvd, Exton, PA

(by reservation only)

All nationalities are welcome !!



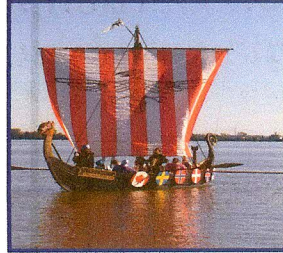
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FOR GPS, USE 801 N. REEDS RD, DOWNINGTOWN, PA 19335.



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The **Leif Ericson Viking Ship, Inc.**, in association with the **Leif Ericson Society International**, takes great pleasure in cordially inviting you to attend the annual observances that are held in commemoration of the first European to discover North America over 1000 years ago, **Leif Ericson**.

In 1964, the U.S. Congress, by joint resolution, declared October 9th as Leif Ericson Day. Since then, the Scandinavian community both in the Philadelphia area and all over North America, has held that day as a very special occasion. **Note: This year we will be observing all ceremonies on Sunday, October 12th.**

Each year, a featured **Scandinavian** country is chosen, and this year that honor belongs to **Sweden**. We are happy to announce that Ulf Mårtensson, Editor of Nordstjernen, has been invited to speak. In addition, Consuls from the Scandinavian countries and members of the local community business and government have been invited.

The first segment of our celebration **begins at 1130a.m** when we launch our **Viking Ship** at the **Western Launch area of Marsh Creek Lake in Downingtown, PA**. Come see and greet our replica Viking Ship "**Norseman**" as her crew land around 1:30pm. At that time there will be introductions of honored guests, as well as the reading of a proclamation from the President of the United States. At the conclusion of this ceremony, a wreath symbolizing the encampment at Vinland, will be dedicated in honor of the life and accomplishments of Leif Ericson.

Join us at **4:30p.m.** at the annual Leif Ericson Day banquet (reservations required) This year the dinner will be held at the **Hilton Garden Inn, 720 East Eagleview Blvd, Exton, PA** This is a great time to mingle with old friends, enjoy a good meal, listen to words from guest speakers, see our display of Viking artifacts, and hear news of our famous traveling Viking Ship "**Norseman**".

We hope that you will mark your calendars and plan to attend one or both of our festivities, and bring a friend, a relative or a neighbor. This cultural observance is **open to all nationalities**, as we celebrate the historical fact that "**Leif Landed First**". After another successful event last year, we are very excited to continue with our new venue and location. Please visit our website at www.vikingship.org and our Facebook page "**Leif Ericson Viking Ship, Inc**" for all details.

*For those needing a GPS address, please use 801 N. Reeds Road, Downingtown, PA
The entrance to the Western Launch area is directly across from that address