



**Valley Forge National Historical Park**  
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*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

**Once Upon A Nation – Valley Forge**

Location: Valley Forge National Historical Park  
Partner(s): Historic Philadelphia, Inc.  
Partner Website: [www.onceuponanation.org/valleyforge.htm](http://www.onceuponanation.org/valleyforge.htm)  
Total Cost: \$75,000  
Proposal #136680

**Summary:** These funds will expand storytelling benches of the Once Upon A Nation programming at Valley Forge. The storytelling benches proved to be very popular during their 2007 inaugural season at the park. In 2007 over 32,000 visitors listened to the free, true, captivating stories of events that happened in and around Valley Forge. Guaranteed to educate and entertain, these one-of-a-kind storytelling benches will be expanded to four locations around Valley Forge National Historical Park. Storytellers, trained at Once Upon A Nation's unique month-long Benstitute, share riveting stories of the encampment, and how it became a turning point in the Revolutionary War. These short, five-minute stories are told for free to anyone who comes to visit one of the signature 13-foot curved Once Upon A Nation benches. Stories will be written for each of the three existing benches so that returning visitors will hear new tales in addition to revisiting favorites.

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