

The Bucks County (PA) Covered Bridges Festival is a weekend-long celebration of the historic covered bridges of Bucks County. The Festival will take place on June 9 and 10, 2007 at Tinicum Park, River Road, Erwinna, PA 18920. The Festival will feature guided walking tours of 2 covered bridges, and trolley tours of 5 covered bridges. In addition, the Festival will feature hundreds of art and hand-made craft vendors, live entertainment, Timmy Kelly in concert on Saturday, Give and Take Jugglers (2 shows daily), The Magical Illusions of Kyle and Kelly (2 shows daily), The Daisy Jug Band, Jonathan Sprout's popular children's concerts (1 show daily), face painters, pony rides, petting zoo, hot air balloon rides, and lots of food, fun and activities for the entire family. Popular Philadelphia radio station B-101 FM will be broadcasting from the Festival.

The Festival will be a fun, exciting, educational, and interesting weekend full of activities for the whole family, but more importantly, proceeds from the Festival will help preserve the historic covered bridges of Bucks County. Bucks County was once home to 36 wooden covered bridges. Today, only 11 of these historic bridges remain standing. A twelfth bridge, The Mood's Covered Bridge in East Rockhill Township was destroyed by arsonists in 2004, and is slated to be re-built this year. Knecht's Bridge in Springfield Township was damaged by an attempted arson in the same year. One of the goals of the Festival is to have fire suppression systems and sprinklers installed in each of the remaining covered bridges in Bucks County.

Since their construction in the 1800's, the covered bridges of Bucks County have been a symbol of the quiet, rural life in our area. Sadly, since that time, these majestic windows into our past have been victims of neglect, floods, arson, vandalism, and progress. Proceeds from the Festival will benefit the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, and The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, among others.

The Festival is currently reaching out to the business community of Bucks County for sponsorships. Four different levels of sponsorships are available. For more information about ways in which your company can sponsor the Festival, please contact Wayne Siefert at 215-822-0552. We are also currently looking for qualified hand-made art and craft vendors.

A gala kick-off dinner will be held inside the South Perkasio Covered Bridge on Friday, June 8, 2007, and a family barbeque will be held at the South Perkasio Covered Bridge on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

Discounted advance ticket purchases for the Festival are available on line at [www.buckscountycoveredbridgesfestival.org](http://www.buckscountycoveredbridgesfestival.org) for more information, please e-mail: [bridgefestival@verizon.net](mailto:bridgefestival@verizon.net) or call 215-822-0552.