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**Pennsylvania House of Representatives Tourism & Recreational Development Committee Visits the Poconos**  
*Representatives get a taste of Pocono hospitality and various tourist hotspots*



POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA, June 6, 2018 – The Pennsylvania House of Representatives Tourism & Recreational Development Committee experienced a tour of the [Pocono Mountains](http://PoconoMountains.com) this past week for three days; May 30 – June 1. The first day, Representatives arrived at [Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark](http://CamelbackLodge.com), where they stayed overnight Wednesday and Thursday. They were treated to a delicious dinner at Trails End Pub & Grille after a tour of the grounds. Arthur Berry III, Owner & President of Camelback Mountain Resort spoke to the group about the importance of tourism to the region. Senator Mario Scavello was also in attendance. Senator Scavello presented Chris Barrett, President/CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, an official document from the Senate recognizing May 6 – 12, 2018 “Tourism Week” and May 7, 2018 as “Tourism Day.”



*From Left to Right: Senator Mario Scavello, Chris Barrett, Arthur Berry III*

On Thursday, Representatives were transported by Martz Trailways from Camelback Mountain Resort to [Kalahari Resorts & Conventions](#), where they were given a tour and treated to lunch at [B-Lux Grill & Bar](#). Following, the group hopped back on the bus to head to [Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort](#) where they got a tour of their island luxury “glamping” site, garden, and golf course. Next, the Representatives were able to take in the beauty of [Bushkill Falls](#), also known as the “Niagara of Pennsylvania.” Finally, the group was bussed to [Skytop Lodge](#), where they viewed the gorgeous property and ended the night with a family-style dinner.

Friday’s fun began in Jim Thorpe. The committee met at the Jim Thorpe Visitors Center, explored the town, and then boarded the [Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway](#). To finish the trip, Representative Doyle Heffley led the group to [Asa Packer Mansion](#) for a final tour and a taste of Pocono history.

#### **About the Pocono Mountains**

With 2,400 square miles encompassing Pennsylvania’s Wayne, Pike, Monroe and Carbon counties, the Pocono Mountains region is home to rolling mountain terrain, breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls, thriving woodlands, and 170 miles of winding rivers. Winters offer guests the opportunity to ski, snowboard, snow tube and even snowshoe their way through snowy wonderlands encompassing over 163 ski trails, while summers also cater to the active traveler allowing exploration of 261 miles of hiking and biking trails, over 30 golf courses, whitewater rafting, boating, fishing, and open access to nine state and two national parks.

Pocono Mountains visitor information is available online at [www.PoconoMountains.com](http://www.PoconoMountains.com) or by phone at **800-POCONOS** (800-762-6667). Follow [@PoconoTourismPR](#) on Twitter to stay current with up-to-date information. Established in 1934, the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit, membership organization. The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is the official destination marketing organization for the four counties of Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Carbon in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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