

FFLA Pennsylvania Chapter 2023 Report

The Pennsylvania Chapter has 25 paying members. This is down one from the previous year (26). Our Chapter current balance is \$953.14. Our Chapter has a Facebook group membership of 334 people. Over the years I have been Chairperson, it seems our Chapter functions primarily on social media.

This past August it was an honor to welcome guests from the FFLA Eastern Roundup to Big Pocono Fire Tower in Tannersville. We had a nice turnout, and it was great to reconnect with some old friends and meet in-person with some new friends. Our host, Miss Jen from DCNR was very accommodating and answered all of our questions. We were able to stay in the tower as long as we liked, which allowed many of us to inspect close-up the new fire towers built in the Commonwealth. Following the Big Pocono visit, some of our group headed to Bear's Head Tower in Delano, PA where Chuck Helms, a long time FFLA member and towerman for the DCNR allowed access to the new tower there.

Pondfield Tower, in southwestern PA is possibly going to be restored as a historical site. More information forthcoming, and FFLA has pledged support for this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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