

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**SPRING BREAK PROGRAMMING AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER  
APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2017**

***Free admission for youth (18 and under) for Alex's Lemonade Stand Family Festival on April 15***

Philadelphia, PA (April 7, 2017) – Spring Break programming at the National Constitution Center invites visitors to learn about our nation's history while participating in a variety of family-friendly programs and activities. From Wednesday, April 12, through Wednesday, April 19, the Center will offer free programming with general admission, including flag etiquette workshops, giant flag folding challenges, the Center's high-energy Separation of Powers Show, and more.

The National Constitution Center will team up with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) and Northwestern Mutual Philadelphia on Saturday, April 15, to host a spring family festival in the heart of Old City Philadelphia. Programs will include outdoor festivities, as well as a wide array of kid-friendly and lemonade stand-themed activities throughout the museum. Childhood Cancer Hero Families and event hosts who dedicate their time to ALSF in an effort to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer research will be honored throughout the day.

On Saturday, April 15, Alex's Lemonade Stand Family Festival, admission will be free for youth (18 and under) and \$14.50 for adults; 50% of all proceeds will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for childhood cancer research. *The event is generously underwritten by Northwestern Mutual Philadelphia.*

Please see below for a list of daily and special event Spring Break programming.

Daily Programs

Regular museum hours, weekdays, Wednesday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 19

*\*Program times vary daily*

**Tales of the '20s**

In conjunction with the National Constitution Center's feature exhibit, *American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition*, visitors can step back in time to an era of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and temperance workers, and real-life legends like Al Capone and Carrie Nation.

**Order a Story**

A program designed to be presented at the bar in the speakeasy, education staff will serve-up entertaining and engaging Prohibition era stories to visitors.

- **The Roaring '20s Game Show**

In this game show-style interactive activity, visitors will learn about the Prohibition era, from music, movies, and literature to politics and government.

- **American Spirits Exhibit Tour**

This tour takes visitors through the *American Spirits* exhibit and explores the era that spans the temperance movement through the Roaring '20s, to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment. Visitors will explore the role that women played in the ratification and repeal of Prohibition, as well as the way that a woman's role in society changed during the era.

### **Separation of Powers Show**

This educational tug-of-war game between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches teaches visitors about the system of checks and balances inherent in the U.S. Constitution.

### **Signers' Hall Tour**

Education staff will guide visitors around the Center's iconic Signers' Hall, telling tales of our Founders, and describing the events of the summer of 1787 and the discussions that lead to our current form of government.

### **Flag Etiquette Workshop and Giant Flag Folding Challenge**

Visitors can learn the history of the American flag, proper flag etiquette, and help the Center's education staff fold a 20'X30' flag.

### **Preamble Scramble, Amendment Match-Up, and Craft Activities**

Visitors can make arts and craft projects, solve puzzles, and participate in a live game show-style challenge to place the segments of the Constitution's preamble in the correct order and match up the right freedoms with the correct amendments.

### Special Events

#### Freedom Day

Regular museum hours, Thursday, April 13

The National Constitution Center's third annual Freedom Day celebration invites visitors of all ages to celebrate the meaning of freedom and its relevance in modern society.

#### **Meet the Founders: Three Branches of Government**

11:30 a.m. [1 hour] – Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can meet some famous Founding Fathers who each served in a different branch of government and ask them about the separation of powers in the early years of our nation.

#### **Freedom Day Talkback Wall**

All Day, Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can respond to the question "What's your idea to celebrate freedom?" by adding their comments to the giant talkback wall.

*\*Meet the Founders: Three Branches of Government and the Freedom Day Talkback Wall programs are in addition to the daily programs listed above.*

#### Alex's Lemonade Stand Family Festival

Regular museum hours, Saturday, April 15

### **ALSF Celebration**

1 p.m. [45 minutes] – F.M. Kirby Auditorium

The day's keynote event will include a special welcome from Liz Scott, Alex's mom and ALSF Co-Executive Director, as well as a special celebration with the ALSF team.

### **Alex's Heroes Salute**

11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m. [5 minutes] – Sidney Kimmel Theater

Before the performance of *Freedom Rising*, audiences will salute ALSF Hero Families.

### **Lemonade Stand Start-up Workshops**

10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. [30 minutes] – Freedom Classroom

Children can learn the necessary steps to opening a successful lemonade stand to help raise money for childhood cancer research. Registration will take place onsite.

### **Kid Heroes Program**

11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. [30 minutes], Domestic Tranquility Theater

Visitors can learn about kid heroes throughout history in this interactive program.

### **Cups for a Cure**

11 a.m. and 12 p.m. [30 minutes] – F.M. Kirby Auditorium

Philanthropy and research have worked hand-and-hand to combat childhood cancer. In this program, visitors can learn about the breakthrough research conducted at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and how participation at lemonade stands makes a huge difference.

### **Alex's Lemonade Stand**

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can view Alex's original lemonade stand and be inspired by her work and her legacy.

### **Growing Up, American Style**

10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. [30 minutes] – F.M. Kirby Auditorium

Visitors can learn about growing up in different eras of American history through a costume runway show, featuring traditional-style dress from historical periods and a guided tour of the main exhibit.

### **Colonial Games**

10:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., Front Lawn and Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can try their hand at Hoop-and-Stick, Graces, Nine Pin, and other popular games played by children throughout American history.

### **Photo Op with Historic Reenactors**

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. [1 hour] – Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can learn fascinating facts about American history straight from the source when they meet characters from different eras of our nation's history.

### **Colonial Station: Colonial Dress-up and Family Photo Op**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

A great photo op for the whole family, visitors can dress in replicas of traditional-style attire from the Colonial era.

**Colonial Station: Candle Making**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

At hands on activity stations, visitors can learn more about life in Colonial America including the candle making process while dipping their own candles.

***Spring Picnic\****

11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Front Lawn and Grand Hall Lobby

The Spring Picnic will feature musical acts, carnival games, face painting, art activities, and colonial flare with 18th century games, historical characters, and the recreation of a Revolutionary War encampment. In addition to a lemonade stand, various food trucks will be onsite.

*\*Some activities will be weather permitting; rain location will be the 2nd Floor Overlook of the National Constitution Center.*

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

**About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](#) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](#).

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