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### **ADVENTURE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER DURING THE 2008 SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (February 4, 2008) – Kids can discover more about themselves and the history of our nation during the 2008 **National Constitution Center American Adventure Camp**. This interactive, hands-on experience provides children ages 6-14 with the opportunity to think about their world in new and creative ways, gain an understanding of community and teamwork, and have fun while exploring the city where history was made. For more information or to register, call 215.409.6700 or e-mail [camp@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:camp@constitutioncenter.org).

American Adventure Camp takes campers back to the time when our Founding Fathers gave birth to this nation. Programs integrate education and fun-filled adventures to offer an exciting alternative to the traditional camp. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with an optional extended day program from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional fee.

The Center offers four distinctive, themed sessions from June through August: ***Build a Nation, Living like Lincoln, Kids on the Campaign Trail, and Raiders of the Constitution***. Registration for each costs \$450, with the exception of *Kids on the Campaign Trail*, which costs \$550. Registration includes full days of activities, programs, and field trips, as well as access to the museum's exhibits, including the award-winning, multimedia theater show "Freedom Rising", daily snack, and a camp T-shirt. National Constitution Center members receive a 10% discount. All non-members who register before May 1, 2008, will save 5%.

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Session one, *Build a Nation*, will run from June 23 through July 3. Campers will compete against one another to create their own communities. Through exciting challenges, they will learn how to establish and govern their own society, while discovering the keys to teamwork along the way.

Session two, *Living like Lincoln*, will run from July 7 through July 18. During this exciting session, campers will travel back in time to learn what it was like to live like Abraham Lincoln in the 1800s. They will build log cabins, discover what life was like settling the western territories, and explore battles of the Civil War.

Session three, *Kids on the Campaign Trail*, will run from July 21 through August 1. Campers will learn about the process of running for president of the United States through theater, art, and music in this hands-on performing and visual arts camp. From campaign jingles and posters to mock debates and elections, campers will use storytelling and the arts to run for office. Each camper will help write, compose, and design an original musical production about campaigns, elections, and voting in America. This session is designed for children ages 8 through 14.

Session four, *Raiders of the Constitution*, will run from August 4 through August 15. Campers will explore the past through art and architecture as they go on archeological digs and historic adventures throughout Philadelphia. Together, campers will uncover mysteries of the past and learn how they shaped our future.

American Adventure Camp is sponsored by The Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a

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powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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