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## ADVENTURE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER DURING THE 2009 SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (March 17, 2009) – Adventure awaits campers in the heart of Historic Philadelphia during the 2009 **National Constitution Center American Adventure Camp**. This interactive, hands-on camp provides children ages 6-14 with the opportunity to explore 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 is designed to keep kids active in both mind and body all summer long. Each session integrates educational activities and fun-filled adventures to offer an exciting alternative to the traditional camp. Camp runs Monday through Friday 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. This year, campers also have the option to partake in new half-sessions, which are only one week in length.

The Center is offering six distinctive, themed sessions from June through August: ***Funky Founders, History Myth Busters, Super Hero Kids, A Soldier's Life for Me, Bill of Rights, and Colonial Kids***. Registration costs vary from \$225 to \$550, and include days filled with 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 April 15, 2009, will save 5%.

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Session one (the first of two new half-sessions), *Funky Founders*, will run from June 22 through June 26 at a cost of \$225. In this art-inspired session, campers will learn about the lives and personal styles of the founding fathers in order to create a classic portrait and a contemporary image of one of their favorite founders. Using art and history, campers will then design their own vision of the founders in art forms such as comic books, mosaics, paintings, and even chocolate statues.

Session two, *History Myth Busters*, will run from June 29 through July 10 at a cost of \$450. Campers will uncover which stories about famous historical figures are fact and which ones are fiction during this mystery-solving session. By exploring the Wild West through American tall tales and investigating Philadelphia's historic ground through Native American legends, campers will learn how to take a closer look at history in order to determine the true story. In addition, campers will participate in a "ghost" hunt as they investigate the legends behind one of America's oldest cities.

Session three, *Super Hero Kids*, will run from July 13 through July 24 at a cost of \$550. In this action-packed session, campers will learn about the adventures of kids who have fought for justice and made a difference in the United States. Campers will design a super hero costume, write a heroic theme song, and reenact an episode from a super kid's real-life story. They will also discover their own super hero powers and learn how to take action in their communities. Each camper will play a major role in the creation of a brand new musical that explores the amazing tales of courageous kids. Campers will write, compose, design, and perform in this original musical production.

Session four, *A Soldier's Life for Me*, will run from July 27 through August 7 at a cost of \$450. In this session, campers will learn what life was like for soldiers during different American wars from boot camp to the battlefield. Campers will build their own militia from the ground up, from encampments to the military uniforms of the period, as they explore the history of our military and charge into crucial battles from the American Revolution through World War II. They also will learn about the life of a soldier by tasting different camp foods, writing letters home, and playing camp games.

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Session five, *Bill of Rights*, will run from August 10 through August 21 at a cost of \$450. Beginning at the moment when the Bill of Rights was adopted, campers will bring the Amendments to life by trying famous court cases, taking part in famous Civil Rights marches, and even building their own egg catching helmets to demonstrate the difference between state and national government, as laid out in the 10th Amendment. Through innovative and exciting activities, campers will experience each Amendment for themselves and deepen their understanding of how the Constitution works.

The sixth and final session (one of two new half-sessions), *Colonial Kids*, will run from August 24 through August 28 at a cost of \$225. Campers will take an in-depth look at how Colonial Americans lived, from their clothing and jobs to their meals and recreation, as they discover the Philadelphia of the 1700s. Using Historic Philadelphia as a base, campers will explore the area through crafts and field trips to gain a clear picture of Colonial Philadelphia.

American Adventure Camp is sponsored by The Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation and the Philadelphia Coca Cola Company.

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 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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