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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS NEW THEMED PACKAGES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Philadelphia, PA (September 5, 2007) – The National Constitution Center is offering three new exhibit experiences for school groups, beginning in September 2007. Groups can select a museum package highlighting a specific theme to give students a unique experience of the U.S. Constitution. Each themed package costs \$14 per person, and includes the award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”; exploration of the National Constitution Center’s main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*; and an interactive, high-energy presentation. Advanced reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6800.

The Center’s themed packages are aligned with national and state standards and make use of the museum’s array of resources in innovative ways. A dynamic museum educator will accompany each group to facilitate the experience. The goal of each package is to increase students’ understanding of America’s past and enhance their ability to help shape its future.

In ***Being an Active Citizen***, students’ voices will be heard as they learn how to become active citizens at home, in school, at camp, and throughout their everyday lives. While experiencing the museum on a guided exploration, students will hear stories about children just like themselves who stood up for freedom and changed our country in the process. This inspirational and empowering package is available for students in grades K-3.

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ADD ONE/NEW PACKAGES

Free to Be You is a fast-paced competition exploring the First Amendment and the freedoms it protects. Students will learn about Americans who stood up for their First Amendment rights and changed our country in the process. Students will join in the hunt for freedom fighters of the past as an educator leads them on a guided exploration of the main exhibition. To complete the day's activities, students will perform a skit about a First Amendment freedom to gain points for their team. This package is available for students in grades 3-12.

In ***Guess the Signer***, students will use detective skills to determine the oldest member of the Constitutional Convention. Students will have to guess who the secret signer is during this fun competition by using detective skills to solve the mystery.

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.

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