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## **PATRIOTS, PIRATES, AND PRIVATE EYES AT THE 2007 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE**

Philadelphia, PA (January 19, 2007) – Discover the hidden treasures and mysteries of Philadelphia—the most historic city in the United States—at the 2007 **National Constitution Center American Adventure Camp!** The interactive, hands-on experience provides youth, ages 6-13, the opportunity to enjoy their summer and explore history where it was made. For more information or to register, call 215.409.6700, e-mail [camp@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:camp@constitutioncenter.org), or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org/camp](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/camp).

American Adventure Camp takes campers back to the time when our Founding Fathers gave birth to this great 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 to August: ***Private Eyes***, ***Revolutionary Philadelphia***, ***History Detectives***, and ***Pirates of the Constitution***. Registration for each costs \$400, with the exception of *Private Eyes*, which costs \$550. Registration includes all activities 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. Members of the National Constitution Center receive a 10% discount. All non-members who register before April 5, 2007 save 5%.

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Session one, *Private Eyes*, will run from June 25 through July 6. Campers will use theater, visual arts, and song to investigate and report on great events in American history. The program is a hands-on experience designed to encourage creativity and citizenship using the arts as a medium of expression. Campers will explore art and civic education with award-winning teaching artists, as well as through the new temporary exhibit *Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives*.

Session two, *Revolutionary Philadelphia*, will run from July 9 through July 20. This session will bring out the patriot in everyone as they learn what life was like in colonial Philadelphia during Revolutionary times. Campers will make colonial toys and clothing as apprentices to Ben Franklin, and will become a part of the revolutionary process that began a new country. Activities include candle making, soap making, butter churning, spying on the enemy, exploding cannons, and maybe even starting a revolution.

Session three, *History Detectives*, will run from July 23 through August 3. Campers will become history detectives and unravel the secrets to some of our country's oldest sites and places to live. Participants will have the opportunity to decode historic documents, test items of the past using today's new technologies, examine artifacts, and uncover the stories behind them.

Session four, *Pirates of the Constitution*, will run from August 6 through August 17. Campers will explore the open seas and the rules by which pirates lived in this exciting and "swashbuckling" camp. Kids will write their own laws of the sea and plot their course for treasure. They will also examine constitution-building through the eyes of a pirate by electing captains and first mates for the crew, writing a code of conduct, and designing a flag. Activities include learning pirate slang and songs, treasure hunting, seamanship, and of course, a limited amount of plundering.

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

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## ADD TWO/SUMMER CAMP 2007

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. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is 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. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. The Center is also the home of the Liberty Medal award, presented annually as a lasting legacy to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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