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## **PATRIOTS, PRESIDENTS, AND PRINT MAKERS AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER'S AMERICAN ADVENTURE CAMP**

*Featuring Six Themed Sessions from June – August*

Philadelphia, PA (April 12, 2010) – Adventure awaits campers in the heart of Historic Philadelphia during the **2010 American Adventure Camp** at the National Constitution Center. Six interactive, hands-on camp sessions provide children ages 6-13 with the opportunity to explore the world in new and creative ways, gain an understanding of community and teamwork, and have fun in the city where history was made. For more information or to register, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org/camp](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/camp).

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. Campers also have the option to partake in half-sessions, which are only one week in length.

The Center offers six distinctive, themed sessions from June through August: ***Colonial Kids II, Do as the Romans Do!, Kids' Corps, Hail to the Chief!, Rockin' with the Roosevelts,*** and ***Growing Up, American Style.*** Registration costs range from \$225 to \$550, and include activities, programs, field trips, a daily snack, drinks, camp t-shirt, and

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access to the museum's exhibits, including the award-winning, multimedia theater show "Freedom Rising." National Constitution Center members receive a 10% discount. All non-members who register before May 5, 2010, will save 5%.

Session one, *Colonial Kids II*, runs from June 21 through June 25 at a cost of \$225. This half-session camp explores the lives of Philadelphians in the 1700s. From print-making and wig-making to working as soldiers and lawyers, campers will study a wide range of trades and learn about the Founders who did these jobs when they were young. Campers will even experience what life was like for an apprentice, such as Benjamin Franklin. Since work wasn't the only thing occupying the time of colonial kids, campers can also create their own fashion trends and concoct natural remedies.

Session two, *Do as the Romans Do!*, runs from June 28 through July 9 at a cost of \$450. During this session, campers will travel back to the time of chariot races, togas, and gladiators. From the construction of the aqueducts to the creation of mosaic masterpieces, campers will learn about ancient Rome and its influence on American democracy, architecture, and culture. They will also hear legendary stories of gods and goddesses and influential emperors who ruled Rome, compete in a chariot race, and join in a gladiator showdown.

Session three, *Kids' Corps*, runs from July 12 through July 23 at a cost of \$550. In this action-packed session, campers will become part of an elite group of kids who use their investigative skills, artistic talent, and creative civic actions to share the most important stories of our nation. Each camper will play a major role in writing, composing, designing, and performing an original musical production that will take place in the Center's Bank of America Family Theater.

Session four, *Hail to the Chief!*, runs from July 26 through August 6 at a cost of \$450. During this session, campers will explore the history of American presidents, from George Washington to President Obama. Campers will learn how the childhoods of these men helped shape their careers. They'll also take a look at the unique

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responsibilities and perks of the job. In addition, campers will discover which president was born on the Fourth of July, who was the first to throw the first pitch at a baseball game, and who got stuck in his presidential bathtub.

Session five, *Rockin' with the Roosevelts*, runs from August 9 through August 20 at a cost of \$450. Campers will explore America's "Greatest Generation" as they learn about Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and their contributions to the country. By exploring the depths of the Depression and the hardships of World War II through the experiences of average Americans, from the soldiers on the battlefield to the women on the homefront, campers will learn about the important role this era played in shaping our nation.

The sixth and final session, *Growing Up, American Style*, runs from August 23 through August 27 at a cost of \$225. This half-session camp explores what it was like to grow up in America during the Revolutionary, Civil War, Progressive, and Civil Rights eras, and how kids played an important role in shaping our nation's history. Campers will learn the importance of everyday chores, going to school, working in the factories, and of course, keeping clean. They will also try on clothes, make soap, race with hoops, and listen to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in order to learn how life has changed for kids throughout American history.

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 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).