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## THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

PHILADELPHIA, PA (August 25, 2006) – Beginning this September, the National Constitution Center will offer a variety of new and exciting field trip experiences for the 2006 – 2007 school year. The Center’s dynamic staff of educators, original artifacts, documents, and interactive multimedia experiences will not only increase students’ understanding of America’s past, but also enhance their ability to shape its future.

Educators can choose from one of three unique exhibit experiences. Each package costs \$13 per person, and includes the award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”; exploration of the Center’s main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*; a themed live theatre presentation; and staff-guided exhibit tour. These themed days are in conjunction with national and state standards and use the Center in new and innovative ways.

In the ***We, the Jury*** experience, students will be the judge and jury in an exciting day designed to teach them about the judicial system. They will learn about courts and the rule of law in a walking tour of the exhibits and join in a trial that dramatizes some landmark cases.

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In the ***Headed for the White House*** experience, students will learn about presidential elections and the executive branch in a fun-filled day dedicated to the presidency. Students will tour the exhibits and learn about past presidents, historic elections, and presidential powers throughout history. They will choose a president, learn about platforms, and watch some of the most famous ad campaigns of all time.

The ***Pass the Citizenship Test*** experience will help students learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Students will go on a walking tour and learn about the freedoms they possess, the ongoing struggle to secure them for all Americans, and how they can change the country's future. The ***Be a Citizen Game Show*** will put educators and students to the test to see if they have what it takes to be informed and active citizens.

The field trip experiences must be booked in advance by calling 215.409.6800.

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 and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. 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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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