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## **CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (June 8, 2010) – This Fourth of July, the National Constitution Center will celebrate our independence with patriotic fanfare and fun from Thursday, July 1, through Monday, July 5, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Visitors will enjoy Revolutionary War re-enactments, historical games, interactive workshops, craft activities, and more. On Sunday, July 4, the Center will be open for extended hours from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Center’s Independence Day celebration is free with museum admission.

Throughout the celebration, children and their families can play a variety of historical games from the Revolutionary period, including sack races, an egg toss, three-legged races, and more. Visitors can also participate in dance lessons to learn the most popular moves from different time periods in American history.

From Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiments will set up camp on the Center’s front lawn, complete with an infantry unit, rifle unit, surgical group, and more. The Regiments will show visitors what life was like for soldiers during the Revolutionary War and allow them to experience colonial life through living history demonstrations.

In addition, visitors can join in the Center’s interactive “Independence Day Show,” which takes an in depth look at this exciting national holiday by exploring it over time, from the very first words establishing our nation’s independence to present day celebrations.

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During the “Growing Up, American Style Show,” children will learn what it was like growing up in the United States during different time periods. Participants will have the chance to dress in costume for a special runway show depicting children of various historical eras.

Visitors can also take part in a variety of themed workshops throughout the weekend. Guests can join in flag raising ceremonies, learn how to become a blacksmith, explore the medicine of Revolutionary times, and discover what life was like for Revolutionary War soldiers. In conjunction with the Center’s *Ancient Rome & America* exhibition, visitors can also explore Rome’s influence on the Founding Fathers.

To further get into the Fourth of July spirit, guests can create take-home patriotic crafts, including American flags, freedom stars, and door-knockers. Children can also learn how to make butter, bonnets, and soaps during hands-on tutorials.

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. Also, 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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