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TRAVEL BACK TO LINCOLN'S TIME DURING THE FINAL *LINCOLN FAMILY FUN DAY* AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (October 15, 2005) – Families can discover what it was like to live in Lincoln's world during *Lincoln Family Fun Day: Thinkin' about Lincoln* on Saturday, October 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This free event is the last of the Center's monthly *Lincoln Family Fun Days* being presented in conjunction with the *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit, which runs until November 4, 2005. All *Lincoln Family Fun Days* are sponsored by The Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

During *Thinkin' about Lincoln*, children will learn how log cabins were built during Lincoln's age and join in demonstrations by Honest Abe Homes. Using the same tool that was used 200 years ago, the experts at Honest Abe Homes will show visitors how to hand hune a log, a process of stripping wood that Lincoln did as a boy. The demonstrations will occur between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. In addition, a 4x8 ft. model log cabin will be on display.

Visitors can also participate in games and activities that were popular with children during the time of the Civil War, including pick-up sticks, jacks, graces, and wool spinning. They will also have the opportunity to try on 19th century clothes that Lincoln himself might have worn! A calligrapher will teach writing techniques of Lincoln's day, as well, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Honest Abe Homes is one of the leading log home manufacturers in the country, specializing in custom log homes. Since 1979, they have manufactured thousands of log homes that Honest Abe himself would be proud to live in. During their demonstration, families can learn what it takes to build a home like Abe Lincoln's.

Located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia's historic Independence Mall, the National Constitution Center is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to Americans' daily lives. Opened on July 4, 2003, 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". From June 10 through November 4, the museum is also featuring its first new traveling exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*. The Center is open seven days a week, and admission is \$9 for adults and \$7 for seniors ages 62 and up, children ages 4-12, and active military personnel. Children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available.

The National Constitution Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and as a home for visiting scholars. Also, serving as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional debate, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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