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“On the Campaign Trail – A Presidential Summer”
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
INCLUDES SIZZLING SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Philadelphia, PA (May 20, 2008) – Children can dress up in costume, compete in hoop rolling races, create presidential campaign buttons, and more during the National Constitution Center’s ***Sizzling Summer Celebrations*** from Memorial Day to Labor Day. As part of “On the Campaign Trail – A Presidential Summer” at the Center, these exciting days of summer fun will give visitors the chance to make crafts and play games from different time periods, while also learning about the history of presidential campaigns. *Sizzling Summer Celebrations* will take place every Friday from May 30 through August 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and are free with regular museum admission.

Each summer month will feature activities from a different century. June will focus on the 1700s – the century in which we elected our first and second president – and will have children competing in hoop rolling races and other colonial games. Visitors can also make bilbo catchers (a cup and ball toy), quill pens, and candles. July will focus on activities from 1860-1890, a thirty year period when eight U.S. president served, including Abraham Lincoln. Visitors can play parlour games, try on hoop skirts and pantaloons, and learn how to host a tea party. Guests can also learn early American dances, songs, and recitations from the 1800s. Craft activities include the chance to make decorative fans, Victorian handkerchief dolls, and journals. August will focus on the 1900s with a special focus on presidential campaigns. Children will have the chance to make their own campaign buttons, posters, and presidential seals. They can also practice throwing out the first pitch as president in our Presidential Pitching Cage.

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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.

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