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### **SPRING BREAKERS GEAR UP FOR BASEBALL SEASON DURING “SPRING TRAINING” AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (February 25, 2008) – Visitors to the National Constitution Center during Spring Break can join in the excitement of the start of baseball season during “**Spring Training**” from Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 28. In celebration of the *Baseball As America* exhibition, participants will enjoy baseball-themed games, contests, giveaways, and appearances from local mascots. “Spring Training” will take place daily from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and is free with museum admission.

Children will have the opportunity to dress up in baseball uniforms to make their own professional trading cards with replica bats from the exhibit, practice their pitching skills at a Baseball Toss, and play baseball games. They can also test their announcer voices as they give play-by-play commentary on legendary moments in Phillies’ history. During a special “Decoding the Document” event, visitors can take a closer look at one of the highlights of the *Baseball As America* exhibit - FDR’s January 15, 1942 “Green Light” letter calling for the continuation of professional baseball as a way to heighten morale during World War II. Families can also enter to win a family four pack to a Camden River Sharks game.

On Thursday, March 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., guests can watch the “Delegates” take on the “Dissenters” in a special Mascot Baseball Game in Citizens’ Cafe. Local mascots, including “Buzzbee” from B101, “Phlex” from the Philadelphia Phantoms,

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## ADD ONE/SPRING TRAINING

“Finly” from the Camden River Sharks, “SocceRoo” from the Philadelphia KiXX, and “Mac” the Scottie from Immaculata University will play a 3 inning baseball game. Onlookers can stop by the concession stand to purchase ballpark favorites such as Cracker Jack, hot dogs, peanuts, and more. In addition, visitors can join the B101 B-Crew and the Camden River Sharks Street Team in the main lobby for fun games and giveaways.

Families will also have the chance to travel back in time for a glimpse of the baseball world in the 1930s as they watch columnist Randy Dixon at work as he covers the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League for *The Philadelphia Tribune*. Randy interacts with visitors regularly on weekends every half hour between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and can also be seen in special “Spring Training” presentations from Tuesday, March 18 through Friday, March 21 every half hour between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

While at the Center, visitors can be sure to cover all of their bases by purchasing one of four special packages. A “Single” includes admission to both *Baseball As America* and the Center’s main exhibition for \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors (65+), and \$9 for kids (4-12). A “Double” includes admission to *Baseball As America* and the Center’s main exhibition, as well as the *Baseball As America* iPod tour for \$18 for adults, \$17 for seniors (65+), and \$12 for kids (4-12). In order to score a “Triple,” guests can purchase admission to *Baseball As America* and the Center’s main exhibition, as well as a voucher for a hot dog, soda, and a box of Cracker Jack in the Delegates’ Cafe for \$19 for adults, \$18 for seniors (65+), and \$13 for kids (4-12). A “Home Run” includes admission to *Baseball As America* and the Center’s main exhibition, the *Baseball As America* iPod tour, and a voucher for a hot dog, soda, and a box of Cracker Jack in the Delegates’ Cafe for \$22 for adults, \$21 for seniors (65+), and \$16 for kids (4-12).

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## ADD TWO/SPRING TRAINING

From February 15 through May 11, 2008, the National Constitution Center is hosting *Baseball As America*, the first major exhibition to examine the relationship between baseball and American culture. The 6,000-square-foot exhibition is organized by The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, and marks the first time the treasures of the Hall of Fame have left their legendary home to tour the country. The national tour of *Baseball As America* is sponsored by Ernst & Young LLP. The exhibition is presented locally by Chevrolet. CBS 3 is the official media partner for the Center's showing of *Baseball As America* and the Philadelphia Phillies are a promotional partner for the exhibition.

Admission to *Baseball As America* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. iPod audio tours are also available and cost \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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).

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