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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING DECEMBER 26 – 31, 2016

Support school supply drive and get \$2 off admission

Philadelphia, PA (December 20, 2016) – Winter break programming at the National Constitution Center invites visitors to step back in time and meet Continental Army and Revolutionary-era soldiers, explore a Revolutionary-era “campsite,” try on authentic colonial clothing for dress-up activities and photo opportunities, and participate in interactive shows. Programming is free with general admission and will be available at the Constitution Center Monday, December 26 through Saturday, December 31.

In addition visitors making a donation of a school supply item, such as pens, pencils, crayons, and copy paper, in support of the Constitution Center’s [annual school supplies drive](#) for Philadelphia students will receive \$2 off admission. The \$2 off admission is valid over winter break, Monday, December 26 through Saturday, December 31. All supplies donated will become part of the Constitution Center’s activities marking [Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service](#) on January 16, 2017.

Please note the National Constitution Center’s modified hours:

Saturday, December 24, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Condensed Hours

Sunday, December 25, 2016 – Museum Closed

Monday, December 26, 2016 – Friday, December 30, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Regular Hours

Saturday, December 31, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Condensed Hours

Sunday, January 1, 2017 – Museum Closed

Winter break at the National Constitution Center also marks the last chance to see Founding Father Gouverneur Morris’ wooden peg leg. Morris, originally from New York but a member of the Pennsylvania delegation during the Constitutional Convention, lost his leg in a carriage accident at age 28. He is credited as the primary author of the final draft of the U.S. Constitution and continued to actively engage in politics throughout his life. Visitors can “visit” Gouverneur Morris in the Constitution Center’s iconic Signers’ Hall exhibit. His peg leg, on loan from the New-York Historical Society, will be on display in the main exhibit through January 2, 2017.

Winter Break Programs

Growing up, American Style

Daily, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can learn about growing up in different eras of American history through a costume runway show, featuring traditional-style dress from historical periods, and a guided tour of the main exhibit.

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Soldiers Life

December 26 – 29, 11 a.m.

Visitors can join a Revolutionary-era soldier as he discusses the daily lifestyle of a typical infantryman in the American Continental Army during the American Revolution. Visitors will receive the proper training of the day and try on equipment and gear.

Military Muster

December 26 – 29, 12 p.m.

The Continental Army is recruiting visitors for drills in the art of marching and musket etiquette.

Meet a Continental Soldier

Daily, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Visitors can learn fascinating facts about American history straight from the source.

Colonial Dress-up and Photo Opportunities

Daily, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Grand Hall Lobby

A great photo-op for the whole family, visitors can dress in replicas of traditional-style attire from the Colonial era and pose with likenesses of the Continental Army's greatest heroes.

Arts and Crafts Activity Tables

Daily, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook

Visitors can create tri-corn hats, founding father portraits and other historical flair at craft tables.

Eighteenth Century Games

Daily, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Grand Hall Overlook

Visitors can play Hoop-and-Stick, Graces, Nine Pin, and other popular games played by children during the Revolutionary period.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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