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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR, JULY – SEPTEMBER 2018

Philadelphia, PA (June 26, 2018) – Throughout the summer, the National Constitution Center engages visitors of all ages in celebratory programming from Independence Day to Constitution Day, when the Center will honor the 231st anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17.

The National Constitution Center's summer programming kicks off with an annual favorite, the Center's All-American Celebration, featuring [Wawa Hoagie Day](#). On Thursday, June 28, the National Constitution Center and Wawa celebrate the 26th annual Wawa Hoagie Day, featuring a seven-ton hoagie salute, free Wawa hoagies, programs and activities honoring the U.S. military and their families, performances by the USO Show Troupe, and more. Wawa invites all visitors to enjoy the National Constitution Center's main and feature exhibits, as well as a display featuring Wawa's history in the Philadelphia region and the history of the famous hoagie sandwich. **Admission will be free on June 28 courtesy of Wawa.**

As part of the National Constitution Center's [yearlong commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment](#), **Constitution Day 2018** will focus on [this powerful amendment](#), ratified after the Civil War and promising freedom and equality. In addition to Constitution Day programming onsite and online, the Center continues to offer a variety of programs and educational resources exploring the legacy of the amendment that wrote Abraham Lincoln's call for "a new birth of freedom" into the Constitution.

New this summer, the National Constitution Center, the Museum of the American Revolution, Historic Philadelphia, Inc., and the Independence Visitor Center have teamed up to offer visitors the **Historic Philly Summer Combo**. The combination ticket will be available to visitors for 20 percent off regular retail price. The Historic Philly Summer Combo includes admission to the National Constitution Center and the Museum of the American Revolution; the evening dinner tour experience Independence After Hours; and a One-Day Pass on Philly PHLASH. Additional information can be found here: www.HistoricPhillySummer.com or at the Independence Visitor Center, located on Independence Mall.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Wawa Hoagie Day, Thursday, June 28 – **Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.**
- All-American Celebration, Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3 – **Extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

July Events**All-American Celebration**

Thursday, June 28, Monday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 3, extended museum hours, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 1, and Wednesday, July 4, regular museum hours

Free with general admission

The National Constitution Center will offer an array of festivities for its annual All-American Celebration on Independence Mall, Thursday, June 28, through Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of freedom and America's independence. Family-friendly programs include historic character meet and greets where visitors can interact with famous figures from history, including Founding Fathers like Ben Franklin and George Washington, 18th century games, arts and craft activities, colonial dress up stations, and more.

[Finding the Founders Scholarly Talks and Walking Tours](#)

Monday, July 2, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free, museum access not included

Finding the Founders Scholarly Talks and Walking Tours provide an expanded understanding of Independence Day — one that sees the holiday as both a celebration and an acknowledgment of America's ongoing struggle to achieve the ideals expressed in the nation's founding documents. This year, the talks will also celebrate Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, in conjunction with the Center's newest exhibit *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, and commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees to all persons equal protection under the law.

[2018 Summer Institutes: Rule of Law](#)

Sunday, July 8 – Friday, July 13, and Sunday, July 22 – Friday, July 27

For registered attendees only

Teachers from across the country and constitutional scholars from across the philosophical spectrum participate in a weeklong teacher institute at the National Constitution Center in historic Philadelphia. Through demonstration, discussion, and historic site visitation, educators work with content experts to deepen their knowledge of the history and modern understandings of the Rule of Law and interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Participants discover and develop innovative, nonpartisan ways to make the content relevant to their students. *In partnership with Street Law.*

[2018 Annual Supreme Court Review](#)

Tuesday, July 10, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Sold out. Watch this America's Town Hall program live at constitutioncenter.org/live.

Scholars **Erwin Chemerinsky** and **Frederick Lawrence** and *Slate's* **Dahlia Lithwick** examine the Supreme Court's 2017-18 term. *In partnership with the Anti-Defamation League.*

[Member Event – Hamilton Experience Guided Tour and Trivia](#)

Monday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Free for Members

With the ultimate Hamilton museum experience, Members can:

- Learn about the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals in the Center's new feature exhibit, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*.
- "Meet" Hamilton in *Signers' Hall* to learn about his role in the Constitutional Convention.
- Explore *The Story of We the People* to learn about Hamilton's influence on our early party system and the separation of powers.

[August Events](#)

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Preparing for Back to School

In August, teachers can prepare for the 2018-19 school year with the National Constitution Center's back-to-school educational resources. Teachers can:

- Explore the best, nonpartisan, [Interactive Constitution](#) on the web, featuring explanatory materials for students in grades 8-12, written by the top constitutional scholars in the country from across the political spectrum.
- See how the National Constitution Center's Telly award-winning educational video series, [Constitution Hall Pass](#), can complement civic holiday and constitutional history lesson plans.
- Start planning engaging, civic education lessons for students with the Center's [classroom-ready lesson plans](#).
- Visit constitutioncenter.org/learn for more innovative ways to enhance classroom instruction and seek a deeper understanding of American history and active citizenship.

September Events

Constitution Day with FREE Admission

Monday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission will be free on Constitution Day courtesy of the Schwab Charitable Fund, made possible by the generosity of the Present Progressive Fund

The National Constitution Center will honor the 231st anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a daylong celebration of the freedoms afforded to us by the Constitution — from fun, educational activities to timely constitutional conversations with federal judges, to an inspiring naturalization ceremony. Stay tuned: This summer, the National Constitution Center will announce an exciting lineup of Constitution Day speakers and panel topics.

Admission is free on Constitution Day, Monday, September 17, and teachers can reserve their field trip by contacting a Group Sales Representative at 215-409-6800. Reservations recommended as programs fill quickly.

America's Town Hall Fall Programs

The National Constitution Center's *America's Town Hall* fall season will be announced this summer. Up-to-date program information can be found at constitutioncenter.org/debate or by calling 215-409-6700.

The National Constitution Center's *America's Town Hall* series features distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists who speak on the most significant constitutional topics of our time. Tickets for the National Constitution Center's *America's Town Hall* programs are free or discounted for Members and advance registration is recommended as programs fill quickly. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 215-409-6700 or online at constitutioncenter.org/debate.

Please note: All programs are subject to change. Please call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org for the most up-to-date program information.

Feature Exhibits

[Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation](#)

The National Constitution Center's compelling new exhibit highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Created by the National Constitution Center, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation* explores Hamilton's fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr. Examining the personalities and constitutional debates that shaped America – including the scope of the national government, the establishment of a standing army, the creation of a federal banking system, and more – the exhibit provides an intimate look into Alexander Hamilton's enduring role in the constitutional and political arguments that continue to create sparks to this day.

[Alexander Hamilton Experience at the National Constitution Center](#)

Regular museum hours, Now through December 31, 2018

Free with general admission

This year, the National Constitution Center celebrates Constitution signer, Father of American Banking, and the inspiration behind a smash Broadway musical, Alexander Hamilton. Visitors can learn about this Founding Father with the ultimate Hamilton museum experience. Visitors will:

- Discover the Center's compelling new **EXHIBIT** highlighting the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals. Created in-house, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation* explores Hamilton's fraught relationships with James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr.
- View the Center's iconic exhibits through a new lens as museum staff share favorite tales of Alexander Hamilton at **STORY STATIONS** throughout *Signers' Hall* and *The Story of We the People*.
- Stop by the lobby for a riveting, interactive **SHOW** about Hamilton's early life.
- Put their knowledge to the test at the Center's Hamilton **TRIVIA** game.

[American Treasures: Documenting the Nation's Founding](#) illuminates the founding era through the rarest early drafts of the U.S. Constitution, including Pennsylvania delegate James Wilson's own handwritten drafts. The exhibit provides an intimate look at the path the Framers took to create our founding document. Created by the National Constitution Center in partnership with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, this exhibit explores the momentous constitutional events in this early period of American history. Among the gallery's many priceless treasures is the very first handwritten draft of the U.S. Constitution and a display of rare newspaper printings of the text of the Bill of Rights. The drafts showcase how James Wilson's original proposals became the U.S. Constitution.

[Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights](#)

The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are the three most important documents in American history. They express the ideals that define "We the People of the United States" and inspire free people around the world. The National Constitution Center is proud to display a first edition Stone Engraving of the Declaration of Independence, a rare copy of the first public printing of the U.S. Constitution, and a reproduction of one of the 12 surviving copies of the Bill of Rights in the George H.W. Bush Gallery. The original Bill of Rights, which was exhibited at the Center between 2014

and 2017, was preserved as part of The New York Public Library’s renowned research collection. It will be return to the National Constitution Center after 2020 and be displayed on a rotating basis to the public in both Pennsylvania and New York for the next 100 years.

Ticket Information

General Admission: Adults \$14.50; Youth (6-18) \$11; Students w/ID and Seniors \$13. Members, active military personnel, and children ages 5 and under are free.

Admission for 15 or more is \$7.50 for student and youth groups; \$9 for adult and senior groups.

The National Constitution Center is located at 525 Arch Street on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall. The Center is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](#) 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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