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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS SPECIAL PROGRAMS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AND  
EXTENDS HOURS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

***The National Constitution Center's annual collection of school supplies to be donated to  
Philadelphia schools begins Thanksgiving weekend***

Philadelphia, PA (November 14, 2017) – Extended hours, free programming with general admission, and a school supplies drive are in store for visitors to the National Constitution Center over Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, November 24, through Sunday, November 26. The National Constitution Center will host a variety of family-friendly programs and activities, including arts and crafts, games, and interactive shows. Featured activities include corn husk doll crafts, exhibit tours, and a Thanksgiving Day Show.

Museum hours will be:

**Friday, November 24, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Extended Hours**

**Saturday, November 25, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Regular Museum Hours**

**Sunday, November 26, 2017, from noon – 5 p.m. – Regular Museum Hours**

Starting Friday, November 24 (“Black Friday”), and continuing through Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15, 2018, the National Constitution Center invites visitors to “give thanks” by donating school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, copy paper, and folders for Philadelphia schools. Visitors making a school supply donation will receive \$2 off admission. Donations can be dropped off at the Center’s box office. The donations mark the Center’s participation in #GivingTuesday and supplies donated will become part of the Center’s activities marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in January.

Admission during Thanksgiving weekend includes access to the National Constitution Center’s interactive main exhibit, the signature multimedia, theatrical performance of *Freedom Rising* presented in the Sidney Kimmel Theater, and the iconic *Signers’ Hall*.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, visitors will also have access to the Center’s feature exhibits, including *American Treasures: Documenting the Nation’s Founding*, an intimate look at the rarest early drafts of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; *John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice*, which explores Marshall’s character, constitutional legacy, and the influential roles he played in the early Republic; and *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights*, showcasing one of 12 original, surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

**Thanksgiving Week Programs: In the Classroom**

Online: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday, November 20 – Wednesday, November 22

Teachers and students can view the Center’s [Thanksgiving episode](#) of our popular *Constitution Hall Pass* video lesson series, and discover the real story of the first Thanksgiving and how the day became a national holiday during the Civil War. The Center’s education staff will be available to chat live with classrooms across the country on Monday, November 20 – Wednesday, November 22, from 7 a.m. to 6

p.m. EST. Visit [constitutioncenter.org/learn](https://constitutioncenter.org/learn).

### **Thanksgiving Weekend Programs: At the Center**

#### **Meet and Greets: Famous Founding Figures**

Daily, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can meet with famous figures from the founding era of our country and pose for pictures.

#### **Thanksgiving Day Show**

Daily, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

This interactive program explores the origins and importance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Visitors can learn about the roles presidents have played in creating Thanksgiving Day traditions, including the presidential turkey pardon, and what food may have been prepared at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

#### **Growing Up, American Style**

Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Sunday at 1 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.

#### **Founding Fathers, Founding Documents Exhibit Tours**

Daily at 3 p.m., *Signers' Hall*

The Constitution Center's education team will lead exhibit tours—taking visitors back to the revolutionary period to meet the people who founded our nation, and discover more about the documents they helped create.

#### **Hands-on History Station**

Daily until 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can get an up-close look 3-D printed replicas of 18th century artifacts found at the very site where the Constitution Center now stands—learn the stories behind these objects, then head upstairs and view them in the main exhibit.

#### **Corn Husk Dolls Making Station**

Daily until 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can make dolls from corn husks, just like children did in 18th century.

#### **Activity Tables**

Daily until 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

At activities tables, visitors can discover more about history as they play with marbles, whirligigs, bilbo catchers, tops, nine pins, and other games popular during the 18th century.

### **About the National Constitution Center**

The [National Constitution Center](https://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](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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