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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS SPECIAL WINTER BREAK PROGRAMMING

Support school supply drive and receive \$2 off admission

Philadelphia, PA (December 18, 2018) – Winter break programming at the National Constitution Center invites visitors to celebrate one of our nation's favorite founders with a week of engaging educational programs. Visitors can learn about Alexander Hamilton's time in the Continental Army as they step into the shoes of one of General Washington's soldiers and participate in drills and marches during the Center's Military Muster program. Additional programs include a Hamilton trivia game, 18th century games, arts and crafts activities, and Colonial dress-up stations. Programming is free with general admission and will be available at the Center on Wednesday, December 26, through Monday, December 31.

Now through Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21, 2019, the National Constitution Center invites visitors to donate newly purchased 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 through Sunday, January 20, 2019. Donations can be dropped off at the Center's box office during museum hours and will become part of the Center's activities marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Visitors to the Historic District can take advantage of Hamilton-themed programming at the National Constitution Center and the Museum of the American Revolution through one convenient ticket. Joint tickets include access to the Constitution Center's <u>Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a</u> <u>Nation</u> exhibit and MOAR's <u>Hamilton Was Here: Rising Up in Revolutionary Philadelphia</u> exhibit, and related programs at both institutions. Joint tickets offer a range of savings for adults, youth, and family packs, and are available online via constitutioncenter.org/experience/tickets and at both locations' box offices.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 Shortened museum hours, 9:30 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 CLOSED
- New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 Shortened museum hours, 9:30 a.m. 3 p.m.
- New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1 CLOSED

Winter Break Programs

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.

Military Muster

December 26 – 29, 12 p.m., Grand Hall Lobby

Visitors can learn the art of marching and musket etiquette from Continental soldiers. Presented in partnership with Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

Meet and Greet with a Continental Soldier

December 26 - 29, 1 - 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby* Visitors can learn fascinating facts about American history straight from the source and pose for photos.

Growing up, American Style

Daily, check visitor guide upon arrival for show times, *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 once-popular games like hoop-andstick.

Hamilton's Early Life

Daily, check visitor guide upon arrival for show times, *Grand Hall Lobby* This interactive lobby show introduces visitors to the story of Hamilton's early life. Visitors will learn about his experience growing up in the Caribbean and his journey to the United States, his struggle to obtain an education, and his time as a Revolutionary soldier at the right hand of George Washington.

Hamilton Trivia

Daily, check visitor guide upon arrival for show times, DeVos Hall

Visitors can put their Alexander Hamilton knowledge to the test at the Center's ultimate Hamilton trivia game. Topics include everything from biographical information and fun facts on Hamilton's friends and foes to 21st century-pop culture, which will test visitors' knowledge of the hit Broadway musical.

Admission during winter break includes access to the National Constitution Center's interactive main exhibit, *The Story of We the People*; the signature multimedia, theatrical performance of *Freedom Rising* presented in the Sidney Kimmel Theater; and the iconic *Signers' Hall*, featuring 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers.

Visitors 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; *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights*, highlighting the three most important documents in American history; and the Center's new exhibit, *Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes That Shaped a Nation*, which highlights the competing ideas of Alexander Hamilton and his legendary rivals.

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About the National Constitution Center

The <u>National Constitution Center</u> 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

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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.