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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS FREE WINTER BREAK PROGRAMMING WITH GENERAL ADMISSION DECEMBER 26 – 30, 2017**

***Support school supply drive and receive \$2 off admission***

Philadelphia, PA (December 12, 2017) – Winter break programming at the National Constitution Center invites visitors to step back in time and meet Continental Army 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 Center on Tuesday, December 26, through Saturday, December 30.

Now through Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15, 2018, the National Constitution Center invites visitors to donate 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 and will become part of the Center’s activities marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 – **Museum CLOSED**
- Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 – **Museum CLOSED**
- New Year’s Eve, Sunday, December 31 – **Museum CLOSED**
- New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1 – **Museum CLOSED**

Admission during winter break 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*.

Winter break at the National Constitution Center marks the last chance to see the feature exhibit *John Marshall: Patriot, Statesman, Chief Justice*. The exhibit highlights the character and constitutional legacy of the nation’s fourth chief justice by focusing on his roles within the early Republic. Created by the National Constitution Center in partnership with The John Marshall Foundation, this exhibit explores Marshall’s influential roles as a soldier, lawyer, statesman, and ultimately leader of the nation’s highest court through rare artifacts, personal items, and historic documents.

Visitors will also have access to feature exhibits *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, and *Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights*, showcasing one of 12 original, surviving copies of the Bill of Rights.

**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.

### **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 flare at craft tables.

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

Daily, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

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

### **George Washington on the Delaware Quizzo**

Daily, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

In December 1776, General George Washington famously crossed the Delaware River and led the Continental Army to victory at the Battle of Trenton, a turning point of the American Revolution. Visitors can test their knowledge of this famous event and learn to distinguish between the history and the myths surrounding the battle.

### **Growing up, American Style**

Daily, 11 a.m. and 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.

### **Soldier's Life**

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

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

### **Military Muster**

December 26 – 29, 1 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can learn the art of marching and musket etiquette from Continental soldiers.

### **Meet and Greet with a Continental Soldier**

Daily, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., *Grand Hall Lobby*

Visitors can learn fascinating facts about American history straight from the source and pose for photos.

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

The [National Constitution Center](https://www.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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