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First Family Fun in February

During the month of February 2009, you and your family will have special opportunities to learn about life in the White House. As President Barack Obama and the Obama family adjust to life in the White House, learn more about their new home. Wander *An Invitation to the White House*, the museum's latest exhibit, where you will browse invitations and memorabilia of past inaugurations, and explore the history of presidential entertaining, the elegance of state dinners, and the stories behind the First Families.

In the month of February guests of the museum will have the special opportunity to schedule a docent-guided, in-depth tour of the exhibit. For a nominal fee (\$8 for non-member adults, \$5 for members or kids), each tour will be tailored to delve into areas of special interest to your group. Tour topics include First Ladies of the White House, White House trivia, and children of the White House, and school group tours will compliment classroom curriculum.

In addition to the personalized group tours, throughout February, the museum's Hands-On History Room will be transformed into a Presidential Gallery. The room will provide families with children of all ages the opportunities to see and learn presidential history through interactive and educational games, activities, and crafts. These activities are included in regular museum pricing, and will be available during regular museum hours.

On Friday, February 6, the museum will be hosting a Parents' Night Out event, beginning at 6:00pm. Need a night off? We're offering an evening of relaxation time for you and a fun educational experience for your children. All children will be treated to guided tours of *An Invitation to the White*

House and themed games and activities will provide entertainment. Each child will create a craft to bring home and the evening will conclude with pizza and a movie. The fee is \$15 per child and is appropriate for ages 7 and up. Advanced reservations are required.

While the museum is normally closed on Mondays, it will be open to the public on President's day, **Monday, February 16, 2009**, with reduced "Presidential Prices."

- ◆ Walk in for a **Washington** (Admission for \$1)
- ◆ Lunch for a **Lincoln** (Catered lunch for \$5)
- ◆ Join for a **Jackson** (Individual Membership for \$20)
- ◆ Grab a Family Membership for a **Grant** (Household Membership for \$50)

Finally, two lectures pertaining to presidential history are planned for February. Laura Ledford will speak at the museum on February 3rd, at 11:00am, teaching about President Andrew Jackson's North Carolina years. On February 26th, at 10:00am, Dr. James Sasser, former professor at Central Piedmont Community College for 36 years, will address the topic of American First Ladies, focusing upon their backgrounds, personalities, and contributions. Reservations are required for this lecture. Admission is \$8 for museum members, and \$5 for non-members. Light refreshments will be included.

The Charlotte Museum of History is located at 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte.

General Admission range \$3-\$6 general, members free, and free on Sundays

Hours: Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5 (*open Mondays during June-August*)

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