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CELEBRATE A TRADITIONAL STAR-SPANGLED INDEPENDENCE DAY

Enjoy the holiday at the Chicago History Museum through family-fun activities

CHICAGO (June 23, 2008) – The 49th Annual Star-Spangled Independence Day celebration, featuring music from the Chicago Pops Concert Band, a children’s costume parade, and visitors from the pages of Chicago and American history; such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, will provide fun for the entire family on Friday, July 4, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon. The keynote Speaker is Leon Despres, former Chicago Alderman. This outdoor event is free and open to the public.

In keeping with its 49-year tradition of providing an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration, the Museum will offer a series of outdoor performances and activities for the entire family on Museum’s plaza, adjacent to Lincoln Park. The outdoor festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with a formal program beginning at 11:00 a.m. Family-fun activities include juggling, patriotic face painting, a children’s costume parade led by the World’s Tallest Uncle Sam, Brown Bess Muskets being fired, and craft activities for children. Chicago History Museum memberships will be discounted during this outdoor event 10% for 1-year memberships, and 20% for 2-year memberships.

The Museum will be open to the public from 12 Noon until 4:30 p.m. on July 4th. All guests have free admission until 1:00 p.m. in honor of the holiday. For more information about the event, contact the Chicago History Museum at 312-642-4600 or visit www.chicagohistory.org.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is a suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, Free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays.