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## Celebrate Family Day at President Lincoln's Cottage

*Reenactments, Live Entertainment, Children's Activities, and a Petting Zoo on the Soldiers' Home Grounds*

**Washington, D.C.** – Join President Lincoln's Cottage and the Armed Forces Retirement Home on **Saturday, September 21st, 2013 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm** and enjoy these grounds as the Lincoln family did! Family members of all ages will enjoy the live entertainment and activities inspired by the Lincoln family and their life at the Soldiers' Home. Activities are free unless otherwise noted.



- **Explore a Civil War Encampment:** View the 150th Pennsylvania Volunteers, better known as the Bucktails, who served as Lincoln's personal guards. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Play at the Petting Zoo:** Ride a pony, chase the peacocks, and play with animals at a petting zoo with Tad Lincoln's favorite pets. Pony rides are first come, first served. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Arts and Crafts:** Make cards for veterans and create your own top hat! 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Picnic on the Grounds:** Locally-sourced caterers Eat and Smile will be on-site selling fresh salads and carnival favorites, like fried mac n' cheese and pulled pork sliders! Or pack your own picnic and enjoy lunch at the picnic tables or on the ample South Lawn. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Climb Sherman Tower:** Enjoy spectacular views of Washington, DC from the top of the Sherman Tower. First tour, 10:30 am; last tour, 2:00 pm.
- **Live Music:** Listen to Civil War-era songs performed by the Parlor Strings. 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
- **Meet the Author:** Kent Boese, author of *Park View*, will host a book signing. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
- **Hear Civil War Stories:** Watch a performance by FREED (Female RE-Enactors of Distinction) and learn about the experiences of African-American women during the Civil War. 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm.
- **Watch a Drill Team:** A military drill team will perform their breath-taking routine. 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
- **Tour the Cottage:** Enjoy a guided tour of the Lincoln family's seasonal retreat! Regular ticket prices apply; visit [www.lincolncottage.org/tickets](http://www.lincolncottage.org/tickets) to purchase.\* First tour, 10:00 am; last tour, 3:00 pm.

President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Entrance to the Cottage is through the Eagle Gate, located at the intersection of Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street, NW. Driving: The approximate street address for GPS devices is 140 Rock Creek Church Rd, NW. Free parking is available on site. Metro: The Georgia Ave/Petworth station (Green and Yellow lines) is .8 miles away. The H8 bus line has a stop at the Eagle Gate.

Family Day is sponsored by President Lincoln's Cottage and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Reservations are requested but not required. RSVP: [www.lincolncottage.org/FamilyDay2013](http://www.lincolncottage.org/FamilyDay2013)

\*Advanced reservations for Cottage Tours are strongly recommended, as they do sell out. Tickets may be purchased on our website: [www.lincolncottage.org/tickets](http://www.lincolncottage.org/tickets)

*Image credit: Bruce Guthrie, Family Day 2012. Courtesy President Lincoln's Cottage.*

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President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here.

Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours are on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org) or call 202-829-0436.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).

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