



PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE  
AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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## Celebrate Family Day at President Lincoln's Cottage

*Enjoy Reenactments, Live Music, 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 29th, 2012 from 10 am – 3 pm** as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln family's first season at the Soldiers' Home. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Lincolns' Cottage as they once did through an array of activities and demonstrations. Perfect for family members of all ages!

- **Observe a Civil War Encampment:** View the 150th Pennsylvania Volunteers, better known as the Bucktails, who served as Lincoln's personal guards. 10am – 3pm
- **Make Your Own Lincoln Top Hat:** Discover the secrets Lincoln held in his top hat and make your own! 10 am – 3 pm
- **View the Emancipation Proclamation:** A rare, signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation will be on display at the Visitor Education Center. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
- **Listen to Traditional Tunes:** Listen to the Washington Revels' Jubilee Voices perform a variety of African-American songs and spoken word, including spirituals, shouts, hollers, songs of struggle and freedom, field calls, planting songs, and others. 1:30 – 3 pm
- **Play at the Petting Zoo:** Ride ponies, chase peacocks, and get to know the animals at a petting zoo with Tad Lincoln's favorite pets. Pony rides are first come, first served. 11 am – 1 pm
- **Enjoy a Picnic:** Local vendors will be on site selling fresh food, or pack your own picnic and enjoy the ample space on the grounds. 10 am – 3 pm
- **Tour the Cottage:** First tour – 10 am, last tour – 3 pm

Family Day attendees may bring lunch and picnic on the south lawn of the Cottage or on the shaded picnic tables. Advanced reservations for Cottage Tours are strongly recommended, as they do sell out. Tickets may be purchased on our website: <http://lincolncottage.org/tickets/>

President Lincoln lived in the Cottage at the Soldiers' Home from June–November of 1862, 1863 and 1864—totaling one quarter of his presidency. He was living here when he drafted the preliminary version of the Emancipation Proclamation and deliberated critical issues of the Civil War. Since the Cottage opened to the public in 2008, tens of thousands of visitors have engaged in conversations on liberty, justice, and equality, through innovative guided tours, forward-thinking exhibits and quality educational programs. Hours of operation: Tours on the hour, 7 days a week. Visitor Center open 9:30am-4:30pm Mon-Sat, 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org)

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

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