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Hampton History Museum to Host Revolutionary Hampton Community Day: A Free Celebration of Freedom and Discovery

Hampton, VA — The Hampton History Museum is thrilled to announce Revolutionary Hampton Community Day, a free, family-friendly event on Saturday, November 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This special day invites the public to immerse themselves in the local stories of independence and experience history like never before, offering free museum admission and a captivating lineup of activities.

Visitors will embark on a journey through time, exploring the “Revolutionary Hampton: Journeys of Freedom” exhibit to hear the untold local narratives of the American Revolution. The event will also launch an exciting new interactive game designed to help attendees discover their “revolutionary self,” alongside hands-on activities for all ages that bring the past to life. Guests can tour the Hampton History Galleries, where historical interpreters will share stories spanning from early settlements to the Space Race, including the inspiring tales of the Contraband and Human Computers, and participate in a museum-wide secret message hunt for a prize!

10 a.m. - Coffee with a Curator

In the Great Hall, grab a cup and join us for an open, casual conversation with today’s museum professionals. Explore the modern challenges, questions, and innovations shaping museums today, from community storytelling and curation to technology and preservation. It’s your chance to connect, ask questions, and see how history meets the present.

2 p.m. - “Road to Revolution” with Museum Educator Kris Peters

In 1774, Virginia was the largest, wealthiest, and one of the most loyal colonies. By the fall of 1775 Virginia was in an open rebellion. This presentation will examine the chain of events that lead to the opening of hostilities at the Battle of Hampton and its various legacies.

4 p.m. - Revolutionary Period Dance with Rachel Honchul

Come learn English country dance from the Revolutionary period with professional dance mistress, Rachel Honchul. This workshop goes beyond just steps, offering a glimpse into the cultural and social significance of dance during the Revolutionary Age. All experience levels are welcome!

Children can enjoy continuous free activities throughout the day like stamp making using playdough and imprints, designing their own tricorne hat, constructing their own personal revolutionary satchels with fabric and ribbons, and unraveling the Declaration of Independence while also translating it from cursive to modern print, and learning how to write in 18th century cursive. There will be several interpretive stations throughout the galleries that will highlight diverse stories of real people during the Revolution.

Attendees are also encouraged to explore Hampton's history at their own pace with a self-guided walking tour. Maps and tour routes will be available for pick up in the museum's lobby.

"Revolutionary Hampton" is sponsored by Hampton VA250 and the Hampton History Museum Association.

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Hampton History Museum

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is plenty of free parking in the garage across from the museum. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed major holidays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, active military, active NASA, AAA, children 4-12, free to children under 4. For more information, call 757-727-1102, visit www.HamptonHistoryMuseum.org, or like the Hampton History Museum on Facebook and Instagram.

About Hampton, Virginia

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.