

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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Media Advisory

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Historic Fourth of July Weekend Celebrations

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Old Courthouse, 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: Saturday, Sunday & Monday, July 2, 3 & 4, 2011

WHAT: Visitors will have a chance to experience the sights and sounds of history with special performances in this historic building decorated with an array of patriotic 19th century displays, including a 33-star 36'x20' garrison flag suspended from the fifth-level balcony. In addition, visitors can witness approximately 75 prospective United States citizens taking the oath of citizenship during a public Naturalization Ceremony.

Living History volunteers and National Park Service Rangers in historic period clothing will present 1861 Fourth of July celebrations featuring music, tours, speeches, firing demonstrations, dramatization of a radio-style play, along with readings of the Declaration of Independence.

Visitors will also be able to "vote" in an 1861 city election, "pay" their 1861 taxes and become a naturalized citizen. Union soldiers will enlist new recruits of all ages and train them in Civil War drills, and historic weapons firing demonstrations will be conducted each hour at Luther Ely Smith Square.

Friday, July 1, 2011 Schedule of Events

1:00 p.m. Naturalization Ceremony

Saturday July 2, 2011 Schedule of Events

2:00 p.m. Old Courthouse Players Radio-style play

Sunday, July 3, 2011 Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. Old Courthouse Citizenship Tour
11:30 a.m. Clayton Silver Strings Concert
12:30 p.m. Gum Springs Serenaders Concert
1:00 p.m. Our Inalienable Rights and Freedoms Play
2:00 p.m. Gum Springs Serenaders Concert &
Reading of the Declaration of Independence
3:00 p.m. Our Inalienable Rights and Freedoms Play

Monday, July 4, 2011 Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m. Old Courthouse Citizenship Tour
11:00 a.m. Old Courthouse Citizenship Tour
12:00 p.m. Independent Silver Band Concert
1:00 p.m. Our Inalienable Rights and Freedoms Play
2:00 p.m. Independent Silver Band Concert &
Reading of the Declaration of Independence
3:00 p.m. Our Inalienable Rights and Freedoms Play

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public. **Visitors should be advised that the Gateway Arch will close at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 2-4, 2011.**

The Gateway Arch is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Old Courthouse is open daily year round 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public.
For more information about programs and exhibits, please call the park at 314-655-1600.



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