

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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Naturalization of New Citizens along with Special Exhibit & Activities Commemorate Constitution Day

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Gateway Arch Visitor Center and Old Courthouse, 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: September 12-18, 2011

WHAT: The National Park Service at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial will commemorate Constitution Day with a public naturalization ceremony, teacher workshop, special exhibit and other activities to celebrate the U.S. Constitution's 224th birthday on September 17.

September 12-18: Special Exhibit - Who Are "We the People?" - This exhibit examines how court cases at the Old Courthouse led to redefinitions of who "we the people" are, through constitutional amendments.

September 16: Naturalization Ceremony - In cooperation with The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, approximately 75 prospective United States citizens will take the oath of citizenship at the ceremony, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the rotunda of the Old Courthouse. The public is invited to attend this special ceremony.

September 16: Teacher Workshop - The Education Office will present a free Teacher Workshop on Citizenship from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Old Courthouse. Participants will come away with content knowledge, lesson plans, primary source documents, and classroom activities addressing the Fourteenth Amendment, the Old Courthouse, Dred Scott, Virginia Minor, and citizenship past and present. A free lunch and parking are included. For details and reservations, phone the Education Office at 314-655-1635.

September 16-18: Constitution Scavenger Hunt - A special scavenger hunt will take place allowing young visitors to explore the Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse on their own while locating items important to The U.S. Constitution.

September 16-18: Creating the Constitution Video - A brief overview of the Constitutional Convention and the compromises reached there, including the three branches of government and the checks and balances system, as well as the Bill of Rights. The three-minute video will be available at the Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse.

All events and exhibits at the Old Courthouse are free of charge.

The Gateway Arch is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 Year's 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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