Special Ranger-led February 7-May 31, 2009 Bicentennial Programs

All programs are free and open to the public

February 7, 2009 Saturday

Open House
Join us for a variety of Bicentennial activities, including ranger-led talks, living history programs, and the premiere of the park's new movie, *Abraham Lincoln: A Journey to Greatness*. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 1:00 pm-3 pm.

February 8, 2009 Sunday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

February 11, 2009 Wednesday

Living History Vignette
A ranger dressed in period clothing will present "Artist in the Parlor" talk as part of the Lincoln house tour. The interpreter will portray the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor. Lincoln Home, 9:00 am-Noon.

Living history volunteers will be seen around the historic site.

From the Vault
View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection, and connect with their significance. Arnold House, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, every half hour.

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln Home tour, a ranger dressed in period clothing will present what Lincoln's hired girl did. Lincoln Home, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Map Table Talk
Discover the history of Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, every half hour.

"Home Grown" Dean House Talk
Learn about the Lincoln family as they grew and prospered. Dean house, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, every half hour.

February 12, 2009 Thursday

Living History Vignette
A ranger dressed in period clothing will present a 3 minute "Artist in the Parlor" talk as part of the Lincoln home tour. The interpreter will portray the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor. Lincoln Home, 9:00 am-Noon.

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:15 am.

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, a ranger dressed in period clothing will present what Lincoln's hired girl did. Lincoln Home, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Map Table Talk
Discover the history of Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, every half hour.

"Home Grown" Dean House Talk
Learn about the Lincoln family as they grew and prospered. Dean house, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm, every half hour.

February 13, 2009 Friday

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, a ranger dressed in period clothing will present "Artist in the Parlor" talk as part of the Lincoln Home tour. Lincoln Home, 9:00 am-10:00 am.

The Black Widow
Learn about Mary Lincoln's life after her husband's assassination. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, Noon.

The Next Generation
Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendents of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 1:00 pm.

Enjoy programs describing the history of Springfield.

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, a ranger dressed in period clothing will present what Lincoln's hired girl did. Lincoln Home, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm.

"Home Grown" Dean House Talk
Learn about the Lincoln family as they grew and prospered. Dean house, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm, every half hour.

February 14, 2009 Saturday

Living History Vignette
A ranger dressed in period clothing will present a 3 minute "Artist in the Parlor" talk as part of the Lincoln home tour. The interpreter will portray the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor. Lincoln Home, 11:00 am-Noon.

February 14, 2009 Saturday

"Home Grown" Dean House Talk
Learn about the Lincoln family as they grew and prospered. Dean house, 11:00 am-Noon and 4:00 pm-5:00 pm, every half hour.

Living history portrayal of a Lincoln hired girl.

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, a ranger dressed in period clothing will present what Lincoln's hired girl did. Lincoln Home, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Robert Lincoln Tour
Tour the Lincoln home through the eyes of Lincoln's oldest son, Robert Lincoln. Lincoln Home tour, 4:00 pm.

February 15, 2009 Sunday

"Home Grown" Dean House Talk
Learn about the Lincoln family as they grew and prospered. Dean house, 11:00-noon, 1:00-5:00 pm, every half hour.

Can You Hear Me Now?
A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 1:00 pm.

February 16, 2009 Monday

Presidents Day Movie
Enjoy a movie about the major accomplishments of past Presidents. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

February 19, 2009 Thursday

If not Lincoln...Who?
What would the United States and life be like today if Abraham Lincoln had not united the country and brought an end to slavery? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am and Noon.

February 22, 2009 Sunday

Can You hear Me Now?
A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

February 27, 2009 Friday

Was Lincoln Forced into Glory?
Did Abraham Lincoln really free the slaves? Or did he have secret desires of an all white country? Did the Emancipation Proclamation free the slave with one pen stroke, or did it cause slavery to linger longer? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am and Noon.

February 28, 2009 Saturday

Prelude to a Presidency
This program highlights the early political career of Abraham Lincoln and discusses how these political experiences prepared him for the Presidency. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

March 1, 2009 Sunday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

March 4, 2009 Wednesday

Lincoln Home Tour
Learn in-depth information about the museum collection items in the Lincoln home and what these objects meant to the Lincolns. Lincoln home, 10:15 am.

March 7, 2009 Saturday

Women's History Movie
Discover the major accomplishments of women through the ages. Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 2:00 pm.

March 8, 2009 Sunday

Lincoln Neighborhood Tour
Can you imagine being neighbors with a future President of the United States? Learn about the lives of Lincoln's neighbors and other 1860 Springfield residents. Lincoln neighborhood, 2:00 pm.

March 14, 2009 Saturday

The Next Generation
Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendents of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

March 15, 2009 Sunday

From the Vault
View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection, and connect with their significance. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

March 20, 2009 Friday

1860 Springfield
Discover what it was like to live in Springfield in 1860. What were the political, social, and economic "hot" issues of the day? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

Find out about Lincoln's life before he ran for president in 1860.

March 21, 2009 Saturday

The Next Generation
Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendents of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 2:00 pm.

March 22, 2009 Sunday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

March 28, 2009 Saturday

There's Something about Mary
Learn about Mary Lincoln's life; from her childhood, to her role as First Lady, to her life after her husband's assassination. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

Glimpse the symbolism behind 19th-century artifacts and the Lincolns.

March 29, 2009 Sunday

Lincoln Neighborhood Tour
Can you imagine being neighbors with a future President of the United States? Learn about the lives of Lincoln's neighbors and other 1860 Springfield residents. Lincoln neighborhood, 2:00 pm.

April 4, 2009 Saturday

Pet Adoption
In honor of the Lincoln boys' love of pets, see a variety of cats and consider adopting one. This event is held in partnership with the Animal Protective League of Springfield. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

April 5, 2009 Sunday

From the Vault
View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection, and connect with their significance. Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 2:00 pm.

April 11, 2009 Saturday

Courtship, Marriage, and Mourning in Victorian America
Learn about the rituals and etiquette binding Victorian-era women, like Mary Lincoln, as they experienced the joys and hardships of life. Find out how these experiences compare to what we go through in similar situations today. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

April 12, 2009 Sunday

His Name is Mudd
Dr. Samuel Mudd's name is forever linked to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Learn about the controversial trial and imprisonment of Dr. Mudd during this special presentation. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

April 17, 2009 Friday

If not Lincoln...Who?
What would the United States and life be like today if Abraham Lincoln had not united the country and brought an end to slavery? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

April 18, 2009 Saturday

Prelude to a Presidency
This program highlights the early political career of Abraham Lincoln, and discusses how these political experiences prepared him for the Presidency. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

April 19, 2009 Sunday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

Walk through the Lincoln neighborhood and learn more about 1860 Springfield.

April 25 and April 26, 2009 Saturday and Sunday

Annual Boy Scout Pilgrimage
Boy Scouts of all ages will participate in a variety of hands-on activities. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Boy Scouts posing before the Lincoln Home.

All May Weekdays Monday-Friday

Lincoln Neighborhood Tour
Can you imagine being neighbors with a future President of the United States? Learn about the lives of Lincoln's neighbors and other 1860 Springfield residents. Lincoln neighborhood, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 4:00 pm.

May 2, 2009 Saturday

The Black Widow
Learn about Mary Lincoln's life after her husband's assassination. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 3, 2009 Sunday

Walking Downtown Tour
Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 9, 2009 Saturday

Secession Crisis
A living history program dealing with the critical four months Mr. Lincoln spent as President-elect and his reaction to the crises leading to the Civil War. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 10, 2009 Sunday

Walking Downtown Tour
Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 16, 2009 Saturday

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, an interpreter dressed in historic clothing will discuss Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

May 17, 2009 Sunday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

Walking Downtown Tour
Explore Springfield's historic sites and learn about their connection to Lincoln. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 3:00 pm.

May 18 and May 19, 2009 Monday and Tuesday

Living History Vignette
As part of the Lincoln home tour, an interpreter dressed in historic clothing will discuss Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Lincoln "hired girls" will present vignettes throughout the year.

May 23, 2009 Saturday

Lincoln the Inventor
Author Jason Emerson will do a presentation followed by a book signing on his new book, *Lincoln The Inventor*. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 24, 2009 Sunday

Can You Hear Me Now?
A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 25, 2009 Monday

Living in Lincoln's Shadow
Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

May 30, 2009 Saturday

Politics on the Porch
Join us for a living history portrayal of two of Mr. Lincoln's neighbors who discuss the political issues of the day. Lincoln neighborhood, 2:00 pm.

May 31, 2009 Sunday

Lincoln Neighborhood Tour
Imagine being neighbors with a future president of the United States? Learn about the lives of Lincoln's neighbors and other 1860 Springfield residents. Lincoln neighborhood, 2:00 pm.

Rangers are standing by to assist, interpret, and ensure you enjoy Lincoln's 200th Birthday!

For more information about Bicentennial Programs, please contact Lincoln Home National Historic Site at 217-492-4241 or www.nps.gov/liho.