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December Programs at Independence National Historical Park

Philadelphia – Getting ready for the holiday season? Family-friendly programs offered indoors in historic buildings provide a perfect afternoon’s entertainment for visiting family and friends. Three new, free programs will be offered this year:

Christmas in Philadelphia in the 18th century

Wednesday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Silver bells, twinkling lights, gifts of good cheer ... would these have meant Christmas to our nation’s founders? Take a holiday trip back in time to join a Curator at Independence National Historical Park and learn how 18th century Philadelphians celebrated Christmas. This free, 30-minute program will be offered in the Portrait Gallery in the **Second Bank of the United States** (on Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Streets) on Wednesday, December 23, at 1 pm.

Washington’s Crossing

December 26 & 27, 30 & 31

General George Washington and men of the Continental Army and militia crossed the Delaware River on Christmas night 1776 and marched to Trenton, New Jersey. This surprise attack and victory set the stage for Washington's ultimate victory. Join a Park Ranger for a free, 30-minute program in the Portrait Gallery in the **Second Bank of the United States** (on Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Streets) on December 26, 27, 30 and 31 at 1 pm.

Jefferson in Philadelphia

December 26, 27, & 30, 31 at 1:00 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a presentation about Thomas Jefferson’s life in Philadelphia while he was writing the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This free, 15-minute program will be offered in the **Declaration House** (on the corner of Market Street and 7th Street) on December 26, 27, & 30, 31 only at 1:00 p.m.

Ongoing ranger-led programs include **The Underground Railroad in Philadelphia** (Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.), The President’s House in Philadelphia (Sundays at 3:00 pm), and **Lesser Known Stories of Independence Hall** (Wednesday – Sunday at 4:00 p.m.) Visit nps.gov/inde for more details about these and other great activities in the park this December.

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