



December 2008 News

Knob Creek Cabin Wins Hampton Inn Save-A-Landmark Program Vote

Over a period of eighteen days, voters across the country cast nearly 45,000 online votes to elect nine landmarks for restoration through Hampton Hotels' Save-A-Landmark program. By the end of the voting period, Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Home at Knob Creek was named a winner.

Since the Save-A-Landmark program began in 2000, Hampton Hotels has been dedicated to preserving America's historical, fun, and cultural landmarks that exist along our country's treasured highways. Since the program's inception, Hampton Hotels has dedicated thousands of hours and



more than \$3.5 million to refurbish forty-one landmarks. The program aims to refurbish a landmark in each of the 50 states by the end of 2010.

This year's program theme is "All-American Landmarks," and with that theme, Hampton Hotels hopes to pay homage to landmarks that celebrate the diverse definitions of what it means to be an American.

Past winners in the program have received volunteer service from staff members from local Hampton Inn sites for one work-day and funding for supplies for that day. Hampton Hotels then presents each site with a check for ongoing maintenance, totaling between \$25,000 and \$35,000. Including volunteer hours, total funding from the program ranges between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Projects proposed for improvement at the Knob Creek site include replacing a split-rail fence that surrounds the site and developing a trail to link the interpretive garden, which includes crops and herbs from the frontier period, to an older trail that overlooks the entire Knob Creek Valley. If developed, that trail will unite the restored buildings to the site's natural resources, and will include signage to describe historically significant events that took place at Knob Creek.

Visit the [Hampton Hotels Save-A- Landmark program's Web site](#) to learn more about the program. For more on the Knob Creek Cabin, visit the [Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site Web page](#).

Special Guests at Family Fun Day to Include Abraham Lincoln, Clifford the Big Red Dog

Put on to your stovepipe hats and join the Kentucky Historical Society and Clifford the Big Red Dog in celebrating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Kentucky's most famous native son!

The Family Fun Day event will take place Saturday, February 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free for children of all ages.

Hands-on activities, including pumpkin-seed planting, quill writing, and period games, along with period dancing and informal performances by Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln presenters Jim Sayre and Glenna Holloway will highlight the day's events.

"We are very excited to offer this opportunity at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort," said KHS Executive Director Kent Whitworth. "We expect this to be a memorable and fun- filled event for children and their families."

Family Fun Day is presented by the Kentucky Historical Society in partnership with Kentucky Educational Television. Find out more about [Kentucky Historical Society events](#).

2009 Family Adventure Quest to Feature Lincoln

The 2009 Kentucky State Park Family Adventure Quest, a trivia/digital photo scavenger hunt sponsored by Kentucky State Parks and the Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, focuses this year on Abraham Lincoln!

The Quest, which invites each team to participate at their own pace throughout the year, challenges groups to seek answers through park visits or Web research, and often requires pictures from a digital camera to show your team along your journey. In order to be eligible for prizes upon completion, Quest photos should be submitted in electronic format on CD.



A \$15 registration fee for each group, which can include up to six people, includes: a Family Adventure Quest day pack, a \$5 gift certificate to the Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, and a booklet of Quests and travel information. Complete all twenty-five quests and receive an \$85 park gift certificate! Complete twenty correctly and receive a \$50 certificate!

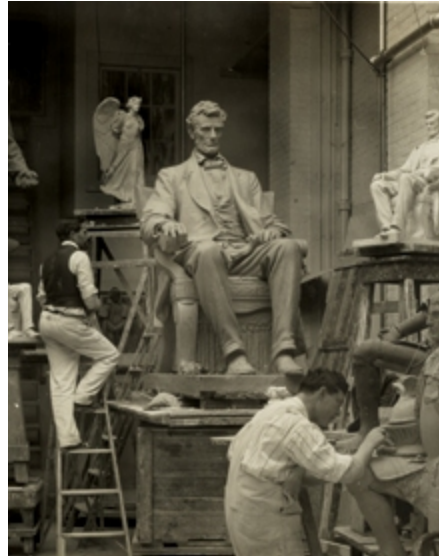
For more on this exciting adventure, visit the [Family Adventure Quest Web site](#).

KALBC Toolkits Now Available!

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has developed the tools Kentucky communities, public schools, and public libraries need to plan and implement commemorative Lincoln Bicentennial events and programming.

These toolkits, tailored to meet the needs of communities, schools, and libraries, are available on the Toolkits section of the KALBC Web page. They include applications for grants to help fund programs and projects, suggestions for programming for children and adults, and information about how to book speakers or presenters. Additional resources include tips for promoting events, sample press releases, and links to discounted official KALBC merchandise.

Grant deadlines are rapidly approaching, and speakers and other materials are in limited supply. Visit the [KALBC Toolkits page](#) today to take advantage of this opportunity!



February Lincoln Bicentennial Events Planned Across the Commonwealth

Communities, historic sites, schools, and libraries across Kentucky are planning events and projects to commemorate the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial in February.

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has gathered information about events in Bowling Green, Crestview Hills, Danville, Frankfort, Hodgenville, Lexington, Louisville, Murray, and Springfield.

The 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth takes place February 12, 2009, and the national commemoration closes February 12, 2010.

Visit the [Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission's Web site](#) for up-to-date information about Kentucky Bicentennial events and resources for planning events in your community.

Other Notes of Interest

Lincoln merchandise on sale through December 31

There's still plenty of time to take advantage of the 20 percent savings on Lincoln Bicentennial merchandise -- the discount has been extended to December 31.

A Christmas ornament with the KALBC logo is a new addition to the merchandise lineup. Other possible gift items include several kinds of shirts, hats, a fleece jacket, two types of Lincoln Bicentennial pins, refrigerator magnets, golf balls, and much more.

Visit the [KALBC online store](#) to place your order!

Lincoln-related Holiday Programming at the Kentucky Historical Society

KHS is offering a wide array of Lincoln-related programming throughout the holidays as part of the bicentennial commemoration of Kentucky's most famous native son. Make plans now to celebrate the holiday season and Honest Abe's birthday with KHS!

Lincoln Bookmarks Available for Kentucky Teachers

Kentucky teachers can receive free Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial bookmarks for their classes by emailing [Jeanine Scott](#) with their name, address, and the number of bookmarks requested.

Museums-to-Go Schedule

"Discovering Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln," a five- panel mobile exhibit which illustrates Lincoln's ties to his native state produced by the Kentucky Historical Society, is now available for reservation. Each panel is dedicated to a different theme: "A Frontier Childhood," "Becoming President," "Ending Slavery," "Lincoln and Kentucky at War!" and "Remembering Lincoln Differently."

The Lincoln editions of Museums-to-Go exhibits will be displayed at the following locations in December:

- Springfield Opera House, Springfield, KY
- Lincoln Homestead, Springfield, KY
- Bourbon County Courthouse, Paris, KY
- Elizabethtown Visitor's Center, Elizabethtown, KY

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