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## History Center Unveils Serious Savings on Summer Fun at Camps

Museum offers early bird camp registration from February 2 to March 3

ORLANDO, Fla. – Jan. 21, 2025 – It's been a chilly winter, but the folks at the Orange County Regional History Center know summer is coming: the hot days when school is out and parents seek cool learning activities for their kids. Museum staff members have been busy crafting the 2025 edition of their popular Adventures in History Summer Camp for ages 6 to 11. Sessions start June 2 and continue through August 8, but parents can save on tuition much sooner, when early bird registration kicks off February 2.

"One of the unique features of our camp is that it not only focusses on history but also takes place in a historic building," notes Kallie Turner, who leads the museum's Education Department. "The History Center's home in a renovated 1920s courthouse, complete with elegant, wood-paneled courtroom, provides a rich environment for learning, as do the museum's four floors of exhibits exploring more than 14,000 years of Central Florida's past. It makes for a memorable camp experience."

Campers also experience educational opportunities beyond the museum's walls. Many weekly camp sessions feature well-supervised offsite field trips, included with camp tuition. Each of the 10 weeks of camp features a different focus, as camp educators combine intriguing history with STEAM content and hands-on activities to create an enriching and fun learning environment. Weekly session topics range from archaeology in Florida to the state's diverse ecosystem to its role as site of famous movies filmed or animated in the Sunshine State.

The History Center's central downtown Orlando location makes it an especially convenient camp choice for families who live in or near downtown or work there. "We have a safe and convenient location for drop-off and pick-up from camp, right off North Court Avenue at the side of the building," Turner explained. Education staff offer childcare before and after camp, all included with tuition. Hours for before-camp care begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. for families' convenience. Camp sessions take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The History Center faces East Central Boulevard at Magnolia Avenue.

During early bird registration, from February 2 through March 3, families receive discounted tuition rates. The savings are even greater for History Center Members at the Dual/Family level or above. Orange County Government employees also receive a discount. For further details and to register, visit the museum's website at <u>TheHistoryCenter.org/Camps</u> or call 407-836-8580.

**The Orange County Regional History Center,** housed in a historic courthouse at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando, features four floors of permanent and special exhibitions. The museum is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Community & Family Services Department under Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and the Board of County Commissioners. The Historical Society of Central Florida Inc. is supported by United Arts of Central Florida and sponsored in part by the State of Florida,

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