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## **C-SPAN Civics Bus to make stop at Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center**

Bus highlights busy summer season of special events

**Gettysburg, Pa. (July 7, 2009)** — The Gettysburg Foundation will host the C-SPAN Civics Bus on Friday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center (1195 Baltimore Pike).

Visitors to the Museum and Visitor Center can explore the 45-foot, state-of-the-art television production center and learn more about the news media and U.S. public affairs. Several 20-minute, interactive demonstrations give visitors an understanding about C-SPAN programs, media literacy and the 2008 presidential election. The C-SPAN Civics Bus will be stationed in the Bus Loop outside the main entrance of the Museum and Visitor Center.

Now in their 16th year, the C-SPAN Civics Buses have visited students, educators and citizens in all 50 states to share information about C-SPAN programming, the news media and public affairs issues.

The C-SPAN Civics Bus is just one of several upcoming special events held at the Museum and Visitor Center this summer.

- Saturday, July 18, from 8 – 10 p.m. “A Night at the Ball” featuring Civil War-era dance instruction by members of the Susquehanna Travellers.
- Friday, July 24 and Saturday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m.: National Cyclorama painting expert Sue Boardman presents “An Evening with the Painting.”
- Friday, July 31 & Saturday, August 15 from 6 – 9 p.m. Sunset Battlefield Photo Safari hosted by photographer Chris Heisey.
- Saturday, August 8 at 8 a.m. "**Breakfast with Lincoln**" in the Refreshment Saloon. This event is part of the Foundation's David Bruce Smith Education Initiative, a new initiative this year that will engage Gettysburg's visitors with a variety of Lincoln-related programming. The initiative is made possible through a generous grant from the Robert H. Smith Family Foundation.

Tickets for these and other programs are available at [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org) or by calling 877-874-2478.

All of these special events complement the Cyclorama, Film and Museum Experience at the Museum and Visitor Center, featuring the massive Cyclorama painting — the nation’s largest painting. The experience also includes the Morgan Freeman-narrated film *A New Birth of Freedom*, and the Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War.

Visitors who purchase tickets to the experience online in advance at [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org) can save 15 – 20 percent off of individual ticket prices. T

The Gettysburg Foundation is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened in April 2008. In addition to operating the Museum and Visitor Center, the Foundation has a broad preservation mission that includes land, monument and artifact preservation and battlefield rehabilitation — all in support of the National Park Service’s goals at Gettysburg.

For information about the Foundation, about visiting Gettysburg, or how you can become a part of the history of Gettysburg through your contribution, visit [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org) or call 877-874-2478 or the administrative offices at 717-338-1243.