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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE TO HOLD COLONIAL DAY AT HISTORIC SITE AT FORT CONDÉ

The History Museum of Mobile will hold Colonial Day at the Historic Site at Fort Condé on March 22, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This annual educational event costs \$1 per person and will feature demonstrations and activities that illustrate what life was like in Mobile in the 18th century.

Demonstrations for visitors will include candle making, sword fighting, Native American basket weaving, blacksmithing and cooking. There will also be an archaeology booth from the University of South Alabama.

Activities will include dressing in colonial garb, churning butter, writing with a quill pen, playing colonial games, and more.

Guests will also enjoy storytelling, a West African culture booth, speaking with colonial re-enactors, and a petting zoo with animals typically found in colonial settlements.

"Colonial Day makes history come to life for students," said History Museum Curator of Education Jennifer Fondren. "This is a good way for the History Museum to help reinforce what students are learning in schools through the state Social Studies curriculum."

Teachers and school bus drivers will be admitted for free. Payment will be accepted in the form of cash or check only.

Reservations for groups of 10 or more are required for this event and are made on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, contact Fondren at (251) 208-7510 or <u>fondrenj@cityofmobile.org</u>. Fort Condé is located at 150 S. Royal Street in historic downtown.

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7508.

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