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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE TO HOLD ANNUAL COLONIAL DAY
AT FORT CONDE**

The History Museum of Mobile will hold Colonial Day at the Historic Site at Fort Condé on Friday, March 28, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This annual educational event costs just \$1 per person and is free for teachers and bus drivers. This event 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, blacksmithing, and cooking. There will also be a petting zoo featuring animals typically found in colonial settlements.

“For several years, Colonial Day at Fort Condé has been our museum's most popular public event,” said David E. Alsobrook, PhD, director of the History Museum of Mobile. “The recent upgrades to our exhibits and other public facilities at Fort Condé make this venue even more attractive and family-friendly for Colonial Day. This annual event, which we look forward to with great excitement each year, always includes a blend of both education and entertainment. We look forward to another big turnout this year,” Alsobrook said.

Visitors can participate in a variety of activities, including churning butter, writing with quill pens, playing colonial games, making colonial crafts, and more. Guests will also enjoy storytelling, a West African culture booth, and a variety of re-enactors who will bring Mobile's rich colonial history to life.

“This is a great family-friendly event,” said Jennifer Fondren, curator of education at the History Museum of Mobile. “We encourage people to come out and experience a bit of what life was like in Colonial Mobile.”

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.

Fort Condé is located at 150 S. Royal Street in historic downtown.

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For more information about Colonial Day, contact the museum at (251) 208-7652 or e-mail museumrelations@cityofmobile.org.

Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 S. Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The 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.

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