



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **State Museum's Annual "HomeSchool Day" Focuses on the Civil War in PA**

**Harrisburg** - The State Museum of Pennsylvania will host its fifth annual "HomeSchool Day" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, offering a special program tailored for families and community organizations that teach in a home setting.

The Civil War in Pennsylvania will be the theme of this year's "HomeSchool Day." It will feature the exhibit "Pennsylvania in the Civil War: Stories from the Home Front." This is the new and enhanced installation of the popular, "Civil War Road Show," which was taken around the state in 2011 and 2012.

In addition to the exhibit, curators, educators, period musician Kent Courtney and actor Steve Anderson will give Civil War-related presentations throughout the museum.

Student docents from Harrisburg's SciTech High will also be on hand in Mammal Hall. They will demonstrate the museum's giant map of Pennsylvania. The floor map allows people to take a walk across the state and learn about the regions of the state.

"With the 150th commemoration of the Battle of Gettysburg this past summer, the Civil War has been of great interest in our region and this museum," said David W. Dunn, museum director. "This is an excellent opportunity for home-schooled students to learn about Pennsylvania's Civil War story in this important anniversary year."

The program fee for "HomeSchool Day" is \$10 per person (adults and children) and includes admission to the Planetarium. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (including State Museum affiliate members) will be admitted free of charge.

To register for "HomeSchool Day" call 717-772-6997, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m and 4 p.m.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®.

The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania's fascinating heritage. With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary era, a pivotal Civil War battleground, and the commonwealth's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

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