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### **SCHOOL BREAK MINI-CAMPS AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD**

Katonah, N.Y. (March 18, 2011) -- From Monday through Thursday, April 18th through 21st, John Jay Homestead State Historic Site will host Spring School Break Mini-Camps for children aged 5 to 10. Each workshop will be two hours long, and be operated as a drop-off program.

The first workshop, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 18th, will be *Here, There, and Everywhere!* How did people get around 200 years ago? What types of transportation did they use? How did travel expose people to new and fascinating discoveries? Children will answer these questions while exploring the bedrooms of John Jay and his daughter, Nancy. They will then make a shell craft to take home.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19th, the program will be *The Artist in You!* Do you like art? Do you know the difference between a painting and a print? Or how long it took to have your portrait painted 200 years ago? Children will explore the extensive art collection at the Homestead, and then try their hand at printmaking.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20th, the morning will be devoted to *Birds of a Feather*. Calling all birdwatchers! Come and explore the Homestead's beautiful grounds and learn about the birds that live here. See how many different types of birds you can find. Children will then make something to help the birds that live in they own backyards.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21st, the program will be *Clean As a Whistle*. How did people keep clean, bathe, and do their laundry 200 years ago? How often did they take a bath? If there was no indoor plumbing, where was their bathroom? Children will tour William Jay's bedroom and the cellar kitchen to learn about personal hygiene 200 years ago, and make their own soap.

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**SCHOOL BREAK MINI-CAMPS AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD, cont'd.**

The cost of the mini-camps is \$15 per child per day; members of the Friends of John Jay Homestead will receive a \$3.00 discount. Reservations are required, and can be made by phoning John Jay Homestead's Education Department at (914) 232-5651 x101.

John Jay Homestead State Historic Site is located at 400 Route 22 in Katonah, N.Y. It is one of six state historic sites and 13 parks administered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation—Taconic Region. For more information about New York State Parks, log onto [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com).

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