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FREE FAMILY HISTORY CAMP FOR KIDS

FamilySearch Sponsors Youth Event at FGS 2011 Conference in Springfield, IL

June 22, 2011 – Austin, TX. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is pleased to announce a FREE family history camp for kids on Saturday, September 10, 2011 during the FGS 2011 Conference – *Pathways to the Heartland* – to be held in Springfield, Illinois, September 7-10, 2011.

Mark your calendars, and bring your 10- to 14-year-old youth to the free FamilySearch Kids Camp on Saturday, September 10, 2011, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

This hands-on, free family history youth activity requires advanced registration. To register, please e-mail kidscamp@fgs.org with children's names and contact information. For more information, please visit FamilySearch Kids Camp at [https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/FamilySearch Kids Camp](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/FamilySearch_Kids_Camp).

The FamilySearch Kids Camp helps young people develop an appreciation for their family history and better understand why it is important to know about their ancestors. The event will involve a variety of activities, including several designed to help Boy Scouts earn their Genealogy Merit Badge. Kids will learn how to interview relatives and document families in their family tree. There will be interactive workshops on the importance of gathering records and keeping journals, and participants will also use computers to find information about their ancestors.

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Cost: Free admission; **registration is required**
Place: Hilton Hotel in downtown Springfield, Illinois
Ages: 10 to 14 years old

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield in September!

About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, *FGS Forum* magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the

genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

About FamilySearch

[FamilySearch](#) International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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