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"Natural Leaders: Presidents and Nature" commemorates Presidents' Day on February 16

WILMINGTON - The Delaware Museum of Natural History celebrates Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16, 2009 with **Natural Leaders: Presidents and Nature**. This family-friendly event features hands-on activities and crafts about presidents' roles in environmental preservation and conservation.

Visitors will learn important facts about past presidents and their effects on the natural environment. Families can embark on a scavenger hunt around the museum to find animals discovered on Thomas Jefferson's Lewis and Clark Expedition. A matching game will explain Theodore Roosevelt's "natural" empire of national forests, parks, and preserves. A special display of duck stamps - along with live ducks - will highlight this conservation effort begun by Franklin Roosevelt.

Visitors can see a live wild turkey and learn why Benjamin Franklin compared the animal to the bald eagle depicted on the Great Seal of the United States. An exhibit of endangered species and a "find the polar bears" activity shed light on the accomplishments of more recent presidents such as Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Jimmy Carter.

WHAT: Natural Leaders: Presidents and Nature

WHERE: Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807

DATE: Monday, February 16, 2009

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$6 for adults, \$5 for children (3-17), \$4 for seniors, free for children 2 and younger. Free for museum members.

MORE INFO: Visit www.delmnh.org or call (302) 658-9111.

About the Delaware Museum of Natural History

As the only natural history museum in Delaware, DMNH opened its doors in 1972 to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. The museum has the state's only permanent dinosaur display, surrounded by exhibits of mammals, shells, and other specimens from around the world. DMNH houses world-renowned scientific collections of mollusks and birds, including the second-largest collection of birds' eggs in North America. For more information, call 302-658-9111 or visit www.delmnh.org.

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Photo caption: Visitors can learn about endangered species and environmental conservation at the Delaware Museum of Natural History's Presidents' Day event, Natural Leaders: Presidents and Nature, on Monday, February 16.