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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Hoboken Historical Museum Launches Children’s Summer Camps Based on “Up and Down the River” Exhibition**

*Education Coordinator Sherrard Bostwick Leads Kids on Exploration of River City Life and History Through Fun Activities, Art, Music and Sports, in Two Sessions: July 13 – 17 for Kids Ages 4 – 6 Years; August 24 – 28 for Kids 7 – 10*

**Hoboken, N.J.** – July 3, 2009 – As the Hoboken Historical Museum’s latest exhibition, *Up and Down the River: A History of the Hudson, 1609 – 2009*, continues through the summer, the Museum is launching its first half-day, weeklong summer camps for kids. Education coordinator Sherrard Bostwick, who has developed and led programs for school groups and family fun days for the Museum over the past three and a half years, has put together an agenda packed with age-appropriate activities geared to 4- to 6-year-olds for the first session, “Go Explorers Go,” from July 13 – 17; and to 7- to 10-year-olds for the second session, “History Detectives,” from August 24 – 28.

Both sessions will run from 9:15 am to noon, cost \$175 for the week (\$150 for Museum members) and are limited to a small number of participants. Depending on demand, additional sessions may be scheduled. For more information or to enroll, send an email to [education@hobokenmuseum.org](mailto:education@hobokenmuseum.org).

With degrees in early childhood education and museum education, and a long career in teaching at various levels, Ms. Bostwick is tailoring the summer adventures to the children’s experience and interest level. The younger group will keep busy with stories, songs, puppets, woodworking, art activities, movement and sports. First-time “campers” are welcome. The older group will enjoy special tours and instruction in nautical-themed subjects, such as maritime science, boat-building, Lenni Lenape Indian football, nautical knots, compasses and the history of the Hudson River, from Henry Hudson’s first

exploratory voyage, Robert Fulton’s steamboat invention and the Stevens family’s contribution to sailing and design.

The exhibit is part of a full-year celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Hudson’s voyage up the river that now bears his name. A hundred years ago this fall, New York City threw a two-weeklong public celebration of a double anniversary: Hudson’s tricentennial and the centennial (plus two years) of Robert Fulton’s first successful steamboat crossing in 1807. One of the largest public anniversaries in the country’s history, offices and factories closed and crowds streamed in for banquets, parades, historical floats, theatrical performances, lectures, fireworks and an airplane flight by Wilbur Wright around the Statue of Liberty.

The Museum’s exhibit, made possible through a special project grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, will extend through the end of the year with a full agenda of talks, events, educational programs and art celebrating our city’s relationship with the river. The river has shaped our city, from providing food and commerce to its first inhabitants, the Lenni Lenape Indians, to hosting prize-winning yachts and the great passenger ships from Europe and maritime research at Stevens Institute of Technology.

#### **About the Hoboken Historical Museum**

Founded 1986, the Museum’s mission is to educate the public about Hoboken’s history, diverse culture, architecture and historic landmarks. In 2001, the Museum moved into one of the oldest buildings on the waterfront, in the former Bethlehem Steel shipyard, at 1301 Hudson St., Hoboken, where it maintains a series of rotating exhibits. The Museum is open six days a week, 2 – 7 pm on Tues. – Thurs., 1 – 5 pm on Fridays, and noon – 5 pm on weekends. It offers special exhibits, tours, events and lectures, as well as educational programs for adults and children on a weekly basis. An updated schedule of events and an online catalog of many items in its collections are available at [www.hobokenmuseum.org](http://www.hobokenmuseum.org). The Museum is a not-for-profit tax-exempt 501(c) entity.

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*Note to editors: Exhibit photos are available; please call 201-683-6935.*