"ON THE ROAD WITH WINSTON CHURCHILL" TRAVELING TRUNK PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL CHURCHILL MUSEUM

A Tudor bonnet, a scarlet Oxford University academic robe, a carbon copy of Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech, the parade route Churchill took on his way to the Westminster College campus – these artifacts are just a few in our Traveling Trunk Program "On the Road with Winston Churchill", an educational outreach project of the National Churchill Museum.

The Churchill Museum created this pilot Traveling Trunk project to reach out to area schools. "With today's restrictions on field trips and other extracurricular activities, teachers are limited in what they can provide their students outside the classroom. Our traveling trunk program is a way to supplement standard learning with an interactive, hands-on museum experience within the classroom," states Mandy Plybon, Education & Public Programs Coordinator for the National Churchill Museum, ""On the Road with Winston Churchill" traveling trunk is a great learning tool for any classroom educator, Scouts leader, or other child organizational leader."

By sharing artifacts for hands-on, multi-discipline study, the Traveling Trunk program is a valuable addition to any 4-12 grade curricula, no matter the subject area, breathing life into classroom study.

This pilot project runs until June 2011. During this time, the trunk is free of charge and is offered only to schools in a ten-county radius including Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, and Randolph counties. After June 2011, the trunk will be available statewide for a nominal charge.

The Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation, Inc., of Mexico, MO., has provided funding for the traveling trunk program.

To reserve a trunk, please contact Mandy Plybon, Education & Public Programs Coordinator at the National Churchill Museum at 573-592-6242 or mandy.plybon@churchillmemorial.org.

The National Churchill Museum on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, MO is the only North American institution fully devoted to immortalizing the life and work of Churchill. The heart of the Museum is the magnificent Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, a 17th century Christopher Wren church left in ruin from German bombings during World War II. This beautiful house of worship was brought stone by stone from England to Westminster and restored on campus in 1969. Beneath the Church is a state-of-the-art Museum that combines interactive technology to tell Churchill's story through sight, sound and touch. In 2006, Chris Matthews, MSNBC commentator, was present at the opening of this new \$4 million exhibition and said its ability to bring history to life in a dynamic, stimulating fashion was incredible, and that it rivaled that of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Adjacent to the National Churchill Museum stands a sculpture by Edwina Sandys, Churchill's granddaughter, entitled "Breakthrough," which was constructed from eight sections of the Berlin Wall to commemorate the demise of the "Iron Curtain" that Sir Winston had predicted. Visitors may also enjoy the historic gymnasium where Churchill delivered his world famous "Iron Curtain Speech" in 1946 on another part of campus.

The National Churchill Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular admission prices are Adults-\$6, Seniors-\$5, College Students and Youth-\$4, Children (6-11)-\$3, and Children (5 and under)-free.

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