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CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AT THE FORD MUSEUM GUIDED TOURS OF *THE WHITE HOUSE IN MINIATURE* ALL WEEKEND LONG!

Grand Rapids, Mich... This weekend The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is celebrating George Washington's birthday! On **Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** teen author **Noah McCullough will discuss his new book, *First Kids: The True Stories of All the Presidents' Children*** (Scholastic, 2008). Noah has been a guest on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Oprah Winfrey and The Today Show. A reception and book signing will follow the talk. Reservations for this event can be made by calling (616) 254-0384.

The festivities continue on Monday, February 16, 2009 with free museum admission. Also on Monday, guests can meet with historical interpreter, John Swartz. **John will be portraying General Washington from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** No reservations needed.

Tom Brocher a volunteer at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and amateur White House historian will be offering guided tours of *The White House in Miniature* throughout the weekend.

Americans will now have the chance to get an insiders tour of "The Presidents House" without traveling to the nation's capital. John and Jan Zweifel have labored since 1962 to create *The White House in Miniature*, a breathtaking scale model of the Executive Mansion that is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. The replica took more than 35 years to research, design and construct.

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. It is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens, \$3.00 for 18-6 years, and free for those 5 and under. For information please call (616) 254-0400 or visit us on the web at www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov.

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