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**THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WILL PRESENT A
COMMUNITY HOT DOG PICNIC & SPECIAL PROGRAMS
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1939 BRITISH ROYAL VISIT
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014**

HYDE PARK, NY -- On Wednesday, June 11, 2014 the Roosevelt Library and the Home of FDR National Historic Site will host a Hot Dog Picnic and special programs in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the 1939 British Royal Visit to Hyde Park, New York on June 11, 1939. During that historic visit, President and Mrs. Roosevelt famously served hot dogs to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth as part of a picnic celebration at FDR's private retreat, Top Cottage. Programs for families, picnic fare and free tours of Top Cottage (registered visitors to be shuttled from the Wallace Center) will be available throughout the afternoon and early evening. All activities will take place -- or begin -- in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home. ***Free public events. Pre-registration is required. Call (845) 486-7745.***

- **FREE TOP COTTAGE TOURS & SPECIAL PROGRAM**

Throughout the day on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 (at 11:10 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 3:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.) the National Park Service will offer free tours of FDR's private retreat, Top Cottage. In addition to the traditional tour, visitors will enjoy a special program at Top Cottage in commemoration of 75th anniversary of 1939 British Royal Visit to Hyde Park. Visitors will be shuttled from the Wallace Center. ***Pre-registration is required. Call (845) 229-5320 to schedule a Top Cottage tour.***

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- 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S BOOK PRESENTATION:

HOT DOG! ELEANOR ROOSEVELT THROWS A PICNIC

with author LESLIE KIMMELMAN and illustrator VICTOR JUHASZ

At 5:00 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center, the Roosevelt Library will host a children's book event with **LESLIE KIMMELMAN** and **VICTOR JUHASZ**, author and illustrator of ***HOT DOG! ELEANOR ROOSEVELT THROWS A PICNIC***. Following the presentation, the author and illustrator will be available to sign copies of their book. *HOT DOG! ELEANOR ROOSEVELT THROWS A PICNIC* will be available for purchase at the New Deal Store. ***Free public event. Call (845) 486-7745 to register.***

- 5:45 p.m.

HOT DOG PICNIC

The Roosevelt Library will host a Hot Dog Picnic beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the 1939 British Royal Visit. Attendees will eat like royalty: Hot Dogs, Salads, Coffee and Beverages, and Strawberry Shortcake will be served. ***Free public event. Call (845) 486-7745 to register.***

- 7:00 p.m.

AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING:

THE ROOSEVELTS AND THE ROYALS:

***FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR, THE KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND,
AND THE FRIENDSHIP THAT CHANGED HISTORY***

with author WILL SWIFT

The FDR Presidential Library will host an author talk and signing at 7:00 p.m. in the Wallace Center with **WILL SWIFT** on his book, ***THE ROOSEVELTS AND THE ROYALS:***

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FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR, THE KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND, AND THE FRIENDSHIP THAT CHANGED HISTORY. Copies of the book will be available for sale in the New Deal Store. ***Free public event. Call (845) 486-7745 to register.***

Regular admission will be charged for the Presidential Library and National Park Service Historic Sites. ***Pre-registration is required for these events.*** Please contact Cliff Laube, at the FDR Presidential Library, at (845) 486-7745 to register.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

The National Park Service administers the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and Top Cottage and Vanderbilt Mansion. Visitors to the sites can enjoy guided tours of the historic buildings. There are hiking trails that link all the parks. From May through October visitors from New York City can reserve transportation from the Poughkeepsie Train Station to all the sites in Hyde Park by calling (845) 229-5320 for the "Roosevelt Ride." For information about tours and other programs visit www.nps.gov/hofr or call (845) 229-5320.

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