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What: Gateway Arch Anniversary Celebration with the Builders
When: Saturday, October 28 from 1:00 – 5:00
Where: Visitor Center underneath the Gateway Arch
Cost: Free

Celebrate the Gateway Arch's Anniversary with the Builders

St. Louis, MO October 13, 2006: Join the builders of the Gateway Arch on Saturday, October 28 from 1:00 – 5:00 in the Visitor Center under the Arch in a celebration for the completion of the Arch construction project. This year will be the 41st anniversary and the public is invited to meet and greet the men who, at the time of the Arch building project, were considered to be the elite in their field of work throughout the United States. The builders will have memorabilia, photos and stories to share of their incredible roles in this project to build a structure that had never been built before and nothing like it has been built since.

Something new this year will be an activity area where children of all ages can build tabletop wooden models of the Arch, a foam model (about 6 feet high) of the Arch as well as other activities such as puzzles and coloring pages. Free birthday cake will be available in Levee Mercantile, while supplies last. Special promotions will be offered on several collectible books and gifts which are exclusive to the Gateway Arch Museum Store.

The Gateway Arch is a marvel of craftsmanship as it is of lofty design and engineering. Thanks to the care and precision of hundreds of workers and skilled technicians – the monument was erected on schedule, within budget, and without loss of life. Towering 630 feet, the Gateway Arch is an award winning engineering achievement and National Historic Landmark. This is an opportunity to hear their incredible stories first-hand and to see memorabilia and photographs of the Arch building project – many which have never been seen before.

The celebration is sponsored by Jefferson National Parks Association, a non-profit organization that assists public land agencies in their educational activities. For more information contact Kimberlee Riley at 314-678-1511 or riley@jnpa.com.

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