

MEDIA ADVISORY

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NEH Chairman Jim Leach Announces Civility Tour Visit to Cody, Wyoming

WASHINGTON, DC (September 7, 2010) — In his latest stop on his national “Civility Tour,” NEH Chairman Jim Leach will visit Cody, Wyoming on September 18.

Leach launched a fifty-state tour in November 2009 to call attention to the need for civility in public discourse. “Civilization requires civility. Words matter,” says Leach. “Polarizing attitudes can jeopardize social cohesion and even public safety.”

At the invitation of the Wyoming Humanities Council, Chairman Leach will meet with representatives from local cultural and academic organizations as well as business and civic leaders, and will deliver a public address on “Civility in a Fractured Society” at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, which was recently awarded a \$200,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop an open-access digital edition of *The Papers of William F. Cody*.

Chairman Leach’s visit will mark the beginning of the Wyoming Humanities Council’s year-long civility initiative, which will include a lecture and discussion series, a visiting scholar, and grants for civility-themed projects.

EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE OPEN TO THE PRESS

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Cody, Wyoming

Saturday, September 18

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tour and public ceremony at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Powell

Location: Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Powell (off US highway 14-A, between Cody and Powell)
Chairman Leach receives a tour of the site of the former Heart Mountain Relocation Center, where more than 10,000 Japanese Americans were interred during World War II.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Conversation on Civility with Chairman Jim Leach and Senator Al Simpson

Location: Northwest College, 231 West 6th Street, Powell
Chairman Leach talks with students and faculty of Northwest College and Senator Al Simpson about civility and the humanities

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Address on “Civility in a Fractured Society”

Location: Buffalo Bill Historical Society, 720 Sheridan Avenue, Cody
Chairman Leach delivers public address on the importance of civility

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