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Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site
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CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR STATE'S BIRTHDAY AT HOLLENBERG PONY EXPRESS STATION STATE HISTORIC SITE

HANOVER, KS— Although the rest of the state will celebrate its 148th birthday the next day, students will get a jump on Kansas Day festivities when they visit Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The highlight of this year's celebration will be a program by Don Rowlison, entitled "Out of the Bedroll," a demonstration of historic clothing and cowboy culture of the late 19th century. Rowlison is the site administrator of Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site, near Studley in northwestern Kansas. Kansas Day at Hollenberg Pony Express Station is sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and Friends of Hollenberg Pony Express Station.

Teachers are urged to bring school groups and may call site administrator Duane Durst at 785-337-2635 for more information. The program, approximately 45 minutes long, is appropriate for all grade levels.

The Kansas Historical Society is also sponsoring Kansas Day events at Constitution Hall State Historic Site in LeCompton, the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka, Kaw Mission in Council Grove, and Fort Hays State Historic Site in Hays.

About the site: You can almost hear the thundering of horse hooves and the creak of wagons as Pony Express riders and hundreds of pioneers made a stop at historic Hollenberg Station. In 1857 Gerat H. and Sophia Hollenberg established a way station for travelers on the Oregon and California Trails, and from 1860 to 1861 they operated a Pony Express station. The building still stands and, along with the visitor center, tells the stories of the Hollenbergs, pioneer life, and the Pony Express. The Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site is one of sixteen historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society.

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