



Twin Cities Juneteenth

2017

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## Underground Railroad Re-Enactment Application

The Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration and Phyllis Wheatley Community Center invite youth and their families to participate in a simulation of the Underground Railroad. The escape re-enactment uses experiential education to share information about history and community. This program offers an individual and team building learning experiences as participants work together to gain their freedom. This program is an overnight experience. Call 612-238-3733 for more information. All applicants will be considered.

**Participation Fees:**                      **Individuals - \$45.00 each**  
**Age Restrictions:**                      **Participants must be 12 or older**

Date/Time:                                      7:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2017  
    9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017

Meeting Location:                              2500 Washington Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55411

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Payment check or money order) only

Send to: Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration, P.O. Box 11097,  
Minneapolis, MN 55411. Application due by May 29, 2017

## About the Experience

This journey of the participants begins with a group discussion of the “Underground Railroad” and its place in African American history. Participants learn about methods used to escape from the plantations, hear of the ingenious ways runaways’ stayed alive in the woods, one step ahead of the bloodhounds and slave patrol, and learn about night navigation by stars, wild edibles, and other methods that kept the runaways alive and well. The discussion ends by focusing on authentic stories of the brave men and women of the Underground Railroad who aided the slaves in their quest for freedom.

After this introduction to the Underground Railroad, the participants venture out on an experiential learning adventure by taking on a night journey into the woods. As they “walk in the footsteps “of their ancestors by simulating a group of escaping slaves, the group travel through the woods where it encounters actors who portray various historical figures to guide them along the way to freedom. These actors give them historical information about the Underground Railroad, as well as relating the information to messages for today.

After having completed the Underground Railroad route, participants process their experience, not only from a historical perspective, but also from a personal, individual and emotional perspective. The Underground Railroad offers not only an individual learning experience, but also a team-building exercise as the participants work together to conquer their fears in the woods and to gain their freedom. Many participants have also reflected on how deeply the Underground Railroad experience has impacted their lives and changed their perspectives on life.

### What to wear and expect on the Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad simulation is a physical activity conducted in the woods at night. Participant may be asked to run through the woods, hide by lying on the forest floor, or (in warm weather) walk through mud/ water. Because of this, we ask that persons who are pregnant, with asthma, or have other medical issues bring them to the attention to Underground Railroad staff prior to the start of the simulation.

Participant should wear appropriate clothing the simulation that includes the following:

1. **Long pants** – a pair that can get very muddy or that can be thrown away after the simulation.
2. **Tennis shoes or boots with laces** – a pair that can get very muddy or that can be thrown away after the simulation. (we have a collection of over a dozen shoes that participants have lost along the route)
3. **A long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt** that can also get dirty/ muddy.
4. **A hat**
5. **Insect repellent**

Participants should not bring:

1. **watches, earrings or other jewelry**
2. **cell phones, cameras, iPods, or other electronics**
3. **flashlights/light sticks**

**PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
FOR  
JUNETEENTH UNDERGROUND RAILROAD RE-ENACTMENT**

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, and give my permission for my child to travel in a \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Underground Railroad Re-enactment at Camp Katharine Parsons from Friday evening, June 16, 2017 to Saturday morning, June 17, 2017. I acknowledge that Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration is responsible for transportation only; to the Camp Katharine Parsons and that I must bring my child to Community Center and pick my child up after the event.

Camp Katharine Parsons is a recreational summer day camp owned and operated by PWCC for over 50 years. Katharine Parsons, a former Phyllis Wheatley Community Center Board of Directors member, donated the 106-acre lake front property on Oak Lake, MN. The Underground Railroad re-enactment takes place at Camp Katharine Parsons.

My child also must comply with the Underground Railroad Re-enactment field trip rules and procedures. By granting this permission, I also waive any claims against, and release and hold harmless, Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration and any of their employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives, from any harm that occurs to my child while participating in the Underground Railroad Re-enactment. In the event my child requires medical treatment or transportation for medical car, Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration will attempt to contact me at the numbers(s) listed below. If the chaperones, volunteers, or other adult supervisors are unable to reach the designated emergency contact, I authorize them to take appropriate measures to provide care and treatment for my child, to transport my child to the nearest emergency room or physician's office, or to call an emergency paramedic ambulance service.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If Participant is under 18, Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Chronic or Acute Illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Presently Being Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Facts We Should Know: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Co. Insuring Your Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification#: \_\_\_\_\_

Toll Free Number of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a medical condition that limits them in participating in any of the field trip activities?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If yes, you must provide documentation from a physician advising the limitations before  
your child may attend the field trip.

Does your child need to take medication while on the field trip? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If yes, you must provide  
a physician's note with adequate instructions for administering the medication and the medication must be in its  
original container marked with your child's name.

In addition, please read the following paragraph and initial below: I give my permission to the chaperones, volunteers, or other adult supervisors to administer the above referenced medication to my child, and I release and hold harmless Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration and Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, and any of their employees, teachers, volunteers, agents and representatives from any injury or harm resulting from administering the medication.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge that all of the information provided is true and correct and will only be disclosed to the chaperones, volunteers, or other adult supervisors attending the field trip and any medical providers as needed.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Participant is under 18, Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_