



Twin Cities Juneteenth

2018

Underground Railroad Re-Enactment Application

The Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration and Phillis 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 - \$55.00 each

Age Restrictions:

Participants must be 12 or older

Date/Time:

6:30 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018

Meeting Location:

Phillis Wheatley Community Center
1301 North 10th Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55411

Name of Participant: _____

Contact Information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

(Payment Cash or money order) only

Send to: Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration, P.O. Box 11097.

Minneapolis, MN 55411. Application due by May 25th, 2018

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

Youth under 18 years old or younger need permission slip

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

I am the parent/guardian of _____, give my permission for my child to travel _____ to attend the Underground Railroad Re-enactment at Camp Katharine Parsons from Friday evening, June 15th, 2018 to the end of day. 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

Everyone complete this page

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: _____