



Freedom Tour 2024

Sunday July 7th – Saturday July 13th, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Freedom Tour! The mission is to expose high school students to the Civil Rights movement and to provide them with an adventurous and historical perspective on the significance of these world-changing events. In addition, teens will experience the Civil Rights Movement firsthand and explore what oppression means for their generation and the world.

Tour Curriculum

Teens will participate in challenging, educational, and value-driven growth sessions where they can express themselves regarding their experiences along the tour. They will have opportunities to share their thoughts and process their experiences and feelings on a daily basis. Teens will have time for fun and recreation as well.

Meals

Most meals will be provided during the trip (with the exception of meals marked with \$ on the itinerary). Snacks, beverages and water will be provided while on the bus during the entire trip. Teens may also bring healthy snacks and extra money along with them.

Lodging

Lodging will be at the Embassy Suites and the Drury Inn & Suites. Participants will sleep up to four to a room with two queen size beds in each room.

Cost of Trip

Trip Fee -\$100.00 Refundable deposit

Refunds will be given on the day of departure for all attendees.

2024 Trip Leads:

Kashala Pope - YMCA

Tiffany Irving - YMCA

Juno Okoro - EEYP

Packing Checklist

This form is provided to assist participants with packing to assure that no items have been omitted. Place a checkmark in the box next to each item as you begin packing.

Spending Money

- Used for snacks, souvenirs and meals on the road

- Prescription medication (**MUST** inform your Trip Leader if you need to take any medication during the trip)
- Soap/shampoo
- Backpack/Journal

Clothing

- Underwear and socks
- Jeans
- Shorts
- T-shirts/tops (shirts for site visits provided)
- Sweater or light jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sandals (optional)
- Sleeping clothes
- YMCA Appropriate clothing

Misc.

- Reusable water bottle
- Baseball cap
- Rain jacket
- Umbrella
- Sunglasses
- Pillow and small blanket for bus

Toiletries

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen

Items NOT to Bring

- Expensive items that you do not want to have lost, stolen, or damaged
- Illegal items, weapons, or anything else you know that you should not bring
- Bad attitude

Sunday, July 7th: Depart from Houston, TX/to Atlanta, GA

5:00 am Participants meet for departure

Fort Bend County Justice Center, 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, TX

6:00 am Load bus and Depart

12:00 pm Gas stop/Lunch On road (\$) Love's Travel Stop Baton Rouge, 751 N Lobell Hwy, Port Allen, LA

7:00 pm Gas stop/Dinner On road (\$) 2500 Buc-ee's Blvd, Auburn, AL 36832

8:00 pm Check into Hotel

Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Airport North

3450 International Blvd, Hapeville, GA 30354

10:30 pm Participants in Rooms

11:00 pm Lights Out

Monday, July 8: Atlanta, GA

8:00 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast

9:00 am Tour MLK Sites

12:00 pm Load Bus

12:30 pm Cascade, Lunch, and Large Group Orientation

4:00 pm Return to hotel

Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Airport North

3450 International Blvd, Hapeville, GA 30354

6:00 pm Small Group Family Time

7:00 pm Dinner at Hotel (Olive Garden)

8:00 pm Icebreakers/Game Night

10:30 pm Participants in Rooms

11:00 pm Lights Out

Tuesday, July 9: Atlanta, GA/Montgomery, AL

7:15 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast/Check out

9:30 am Morehouse/Spelman Tour

11:00 am Lunch on campus

1:00 pm Center for Civil & Human Rights

3:00 pm On the road to Montgomery

6:00 pm Check into Hotel

Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center

300 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL 36104

7:00 pm Dinner at Hotel (Pizza)

8:00 pm Small Group Session – Make posters for bridge crossing

10:30 pm Participants in Rooms

11:00 pm Lights Out

Wednesday, July 10: Montgomery/Selma/Tuskegee, AL

6:30 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast

7:30 am Depart for Selma, AL

9:00 am Tour Enslavement & Civil War Museum

11:00 am Walk Edmund Pettus Bridge
12:00 pm Lunch on Bus (Subway pre-order)/Depart for Tuskegee Site
3:00 pm Tuskegee Airmen Historical Site
4:30 pm Return to Hotel
Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center
300 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL 36104
6:30 pm Dinner at a local restaurant (Golden Corral)
8:00 pm Small Group Session/Free Time
10:30 pm Participants in Rooms
11:00 pm Lights Out

Thursday, July 11: Montgomery/Memphis

8:30 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast/Checkout
9:00 am Tour The Legacy Museum
11:00 am National Museum for Peace & Justice
12:00 pm Freedom Monument Sculpture Park
1:00 pm Lunch on the Road (Chick Fil A pre-order)/Depart for Memphis
5:30 pm Check in to Hotel
Drury Inn & Suites Memphis Southaven
735 Goodman Rd W, Horn Lake, MS 38637
7:00 pm Dinner @ Memphis BBQ Company
8:30 pm Small Group Family Time
10:30 pm Participants in Rooms
11:00 pm Lights Out

Friday, July 12: Memphis, TN/ New Orleans, Louisiana

8:00 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast/Checkout of hotel
9:00 am Depart for National Civil Rights Museum/Lorraine Motel
9:30 am Tour National Civil Rights Museum/Lorraine Motel
12:00 pm Lunch @ The Four Way
2:00pm Head to New Orleans, Louisiana
6:00 pm Dinner on Road
8:00 pm Check into Hotel
Drury Plaza Hotel New Orleans
820 Poydras New Orleans, LA 70112
10:30 pm Participants in Rooms
11:00 pm Lights Out

Saturday, July 13: Louisiana/Houston, TX

7:00 am Rise & Shine/Breakfast
8:00 am Check out of hotel/Load Bus
9:00 am Tour Louisiana Civil Rights Museum (booked, pay balance onsite)
11:00 am Lunch at Melba's
2:00 pm Depart to Richmond, TX

7:00 pm Gas stop/Dinner on the road (\$) Buc-ees 4080 East Fwy, Baytown, TX 77521

8:00 pm Arrive in Richmond