

“Freedom Tour 2018”

**Orientation & Registration
For
Students & Parents**

**BUS SEATS ARE
LIMITED
REGISTER NOW!**

**Wednesday
November 15**

6:30 pm

**Brunswick High School
Cafeteria**

October 26, 2017

Dear Parents and Eighth Grade Students,

The Bath Area Family YMCA is excited to once again welcome Brunswick Junior High School to participate in the “Freedom Tour Program” for this year’s 8th grade class.

This constantly evolving program is a unique combination of fun and learning on a seven-day trip to major east coast cities. We learn how our history has influenced many of today’s behaviors; we celebrate differences and experience other cultures. These opportunities simply do not exist for many youth. The “Freedom Tour” grew out of these beliefs. The YMCA and BJHS collaborate to tie the Social Studies curriculum to the Freedom Tour experience.

Over the last eighteen years’ students and parent team leaders from the MidCoast have participated in this program, which is designed around key building blocks that young people need to grow up to be caring, competent and productive.

I hope you can join Phil Krummel, Marybeth Latti, Tom Stanton and me on Wednesday evening, **November 15 – 6:30 - 7:30 pm in High School Cafeteria** for an informative orientation and registration for the “Freedom Tour”.

We will share a video, tell you all about what we do, where we go, and, most importantly, why we designed this terrific experience.

I'm excited to meet you and hope you can attend this orientation.

Sabrina Murphy
Executive Director
Bath Area Family YMCA



Bath YMCA - BJHS 2018 Freedom Tour Fast Facts

The Trip Fee is \$995.00 and due in full by the May 9th meeting. In ADDITION there is a non-refundable \$100 Registration Fee due at the time your registration is accepted.

*Parents serve as Team Leaders. Fee is \$500. and due by May 9th.
Interest forms available at the Orientation meeting.*

- **PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS:** Each student will have an account set up at the Y. You may make check or cash payments at the student meetings. Master Card or Visa payments may be made over the phone by calling the Y – 443 4112.
- **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:** Applications will be sent out to all families who requested Financial Aid on the registration form the week of **January 8**. Completed packets are due back to the YMCA - (**Attention Deb Young - Confidential - 303 Centre Street, Bath, Maine 04530**) **no later than February 9**. Awards will be made the **week of February 12th**. Need based awards are offered through the United Way and the Y's Annual Scholarship Fund and range from \$100 - \$450.
- **TEAM LEADERS:** Team Leader Interest Forms must be **returned to Phil Krummel electronically to phil@bathymca.org by December 15th**. Team Leader Information will be available at the Orientation **November 15th**. Team Leaders will be selected and confirmed the week of **December 18th**.
- **STUDENT PREP MEETINGS: MEETINGS WILL BE HELD in the HIGH SCHOOL. CAFETERIA.** Our first meeting is **Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 -7:30 pm**. Parents, please plan on attending. We will be creating a vision and having some fun doing so. We will also talk about forming our teams. Attendance is the key to a successful and meaningful experience!
- **SNOW CANCELATIONS.** If school is cancelled due to snow or other reasons, or after school activities cancelled (regardless of the evening weather) the meeting will be postponed and made up. If the weather forecast for the evening is bad, we will notify the school prior to dismissal and you can always call the Y if you are unclear. We will also do email blasts. These will be from freedomtour@bathymca.org

Student Meetings

Wednesday, January 3 - 6:30pm - Creating our Vision / Hopes & Fears (Parents please attend) ... **Wednesday, February 7 - 6:30pm** - Teams – Expectations ... **Wednesday, February 28 - 6:30pm** - Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation ... **Wednesday April 4 - 6:30pm** - Immigration - 9/11 ... **Wednesday, May 9 - 6:30pm** - Memorials, Monuments and Museums ... **Wednesday, May 16 - 6:30pm** - Holocaust and Lessons for a Contemporary Society ... **Wednesday, June 13 - 6:30pm** - **Final Preparations** - Parents must attend

Freedom Tour 2018 - Thursday June 21 - Wednesday, June 27

Itinerary Summary

NYC – Apollo Theater, Central Park, Katz's Deli, Liberty & Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial Museum, Financial District, Little Italy & Chinatown, Today Show, Times Square, Hard Rock Café ... **Philadelphia** – Liberty Bell, Independence National Historical Park, Constitution Center ... **Amish Country** – Guided Bus Tour & Meal ... **Gettysburg** – Guided Tour of Battlefield ... **Washington DC** – Presidential & War Memorials, Smithsonian Museums, Arlington, US Capitol, White House, Pentagon Memorial, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Tobey's Dinner Theater

It's clear FT remains an unforgettable and powerful experience for our kids. The tie in to our SS curriculum is terrific. Understandably, it seems like the 9-11 memorial and the Holocaust Museum are the heavy hitters. Our attempts to teach "the facts" can't come close to the experience the kids have actually being at those sites."

8th Grade Social Studies / Department Chair BJHS

Please Join our BJHS Facebook Page in December for Freedom Tour News & Updates

Email your questions to Phil Krummel - phil@bathymca.org or call Deb Young at the Y 443 - 4112



Brunswick Junior High School
Registration 8th Grade "Freedom Tour" 2018
June 21-June 27, 2018

Student Name: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip _____

Legal Guardian(s) Name and BEST Phone #: _____

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BEST Email(s) for Freedom Tour Correspondence _____

Allergies/Health Issues: _____

We want to create an environment within which CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY are promoted. Unacceptable behavior will be confronted and treated in a fair and consistent manner by all trip leaders and team leaders.

The use of illegal substances, alcohol, drugs, tobacco or weapons are forbidden and may result in serious consequences as governed by the laws of each state. Consequences as a result of inappropriate behavior regarding hotel, bus and event etiquette will be discussed. Treated on an individual basis, consequences will pertain to the behavior.

As representatives of our family, school, the YMCA, and our community, adherence to this policy will insure a successful experience for all involved. I, along with my parent(s) and leaders understand and agree to the principles of good behavior, and fair and consistent discipline.

We have read this flyer and understand the information. We understand that additional material will be sent home regarding dates, meetings, behavior expectations, medical information and activities relating to the Bath Area Family YMCA "Freedom Tour 2018"Registration.
- We acknowledge that participating in this program requires attending scheduled meetings. I allow my child to participate and will attend parent meetings as scheduled.
- We agree to abide by the YMCA policies regarding dress code and cell phone/electronic device policy.
- I give my permission for the YMCA to use, display, and publish etc. photographs in print and as part of the Bath Area Family YMCA internet project.
- I give permission for emergency medical treatment and understand that all medical expenses are the responsibility of our family.

Participation in the Freedom Tour is by invitation, after a review and acceptance of your application and your attendance at tour planning and educational meetings. The Bath Area Family YMCA reserves the right, at any time, to refuse to grant any application, or to rescind any accepted application, for failure to comply with the prerequisites to Tour participation, or for behavior which may be deemed detrimental to the trip in any way.

Signature of parent or caregiver

Signature of Student

All people are welcome to the YMCA without regard to race, creed, religion, sex or ability to pay.

Please send us an application for financial aid.

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