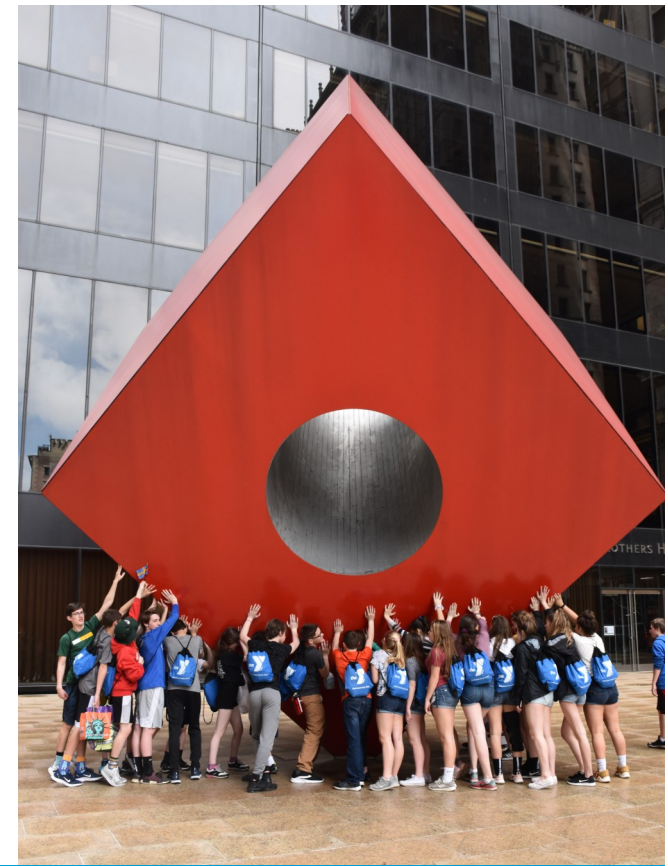
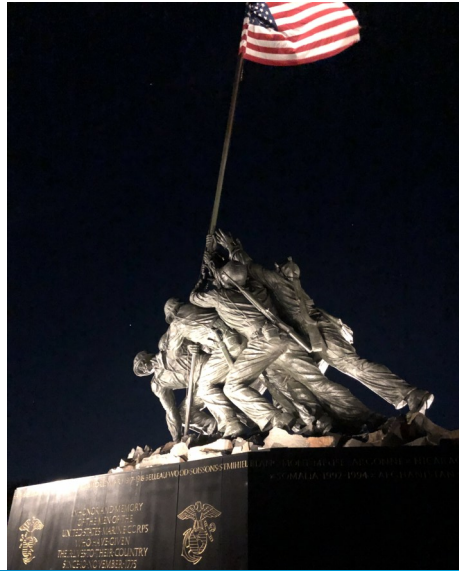




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FREEDOM TOUR

AT THE BATH AREA FAMILY YMCA



A life-changing adventure in history, culture and community.



Bath Area Family YMCA | 303 Centre St., Bath | (207) 443-4112 | bathymca.org/freedomtour

FREEDOM TOUR 2026: April 18-23 OR April 20-25

WHAT IS IT?

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 the differences and experience other cultures. These opportunities simply do not exist for many youth, and the Freedom Tour was created to meet this important need.

Over the last few years, over 1,200 students and parent team leaders have participated in this program specially designed around key building blocks young people need to grow up to be caring, competent, and productive.

WHERE WE GO

New York City Neighborhoods
Central Park – Statue of Liberty
Ellis Island – 9/11 Memorial

Philadelphia – Gettysburg
Lancaster County – Amish Farms
Lincoln, Washington, & Roosevelt
Presidential Memorials & Monuments
Vietnam, Korean, WWII, & Iwo Jima War
Memorials

U.S. Capitol – Air & Space Museum
Smithsonian Museums – Changing of the
Guard & Arlington National Cemetery
Supreme Court – 5th Avenue
Times Square – Rockefeller Center
Hard Rock Café

"A long ride back to Maine gave me time to contemplate all the fantastic things that I had seen the past seven days. Everything from TV stars to American politics, to urban city life... we had experienced it all... I learned lessons that stick with me now and will probably stick with me forever: how to cope with other people, how to find unique beauty in other lives, how to recognize true heroes and what it means to be an American. I guess this sums it up best: the Freedom Tour wasn't just about the freedom of my country; it was about the freedom of myself and everyone around me."
–Freedom Tour Student

Introductory Zoom Meeting: Tuesday,
January 6 from 7:00-8:00 PM
Zoom Link will be posted on website–
bathymca.org/freedomtour

FAST FACTS

Student Fee: \$1,700
Enrollment Fee: \$200*
*non-refundable

Team Leader Fee: \$1,100

3 virtual prep meetings, 1 mandatory in-person meeting before the trip

For more information & past photo blogs,
visit: bathymca.org/freedomtour

FAQS

What are the fees?

The program fee is **\$1700** per student. In addition, there is a **non-refundable enrollment fee of \$200** that is due at the time of registration.

All balances **must** be paid 2 weeks prior to the trip departure.

What is included?

The program fee includes all prep meetings, materials, transportation by motor coach, meals, hotels, entrance fees, and a travel pack.

Is financial aid available?

Yes! You can request a financial aid application when completing the registration application. Limited funds are available through the Y's youth scholarship fund. Grants will be given based on individual need.

How do students prepare for the trip?

Students will meet over Zoom to learn about the places they will visit and how the history and culture of that place or time impacts our world today. Groups will participate in a vision process, learn conflict resolution skills, and discuss expectations, consequences, and rewards for individual and group behavior. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.