



SHAPING AMERICA'S LEGACY:

CYFA'S BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Opened in 2016, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) is the only national museum dedicated to documenting African American life, history, and culture. Through its four pillars—interactive exhibitions, global influences, American values, and collaboration—the museum invites all Americans to connect with a shared story of resilience, optimism, and identity.

There is no separation between African American history and American history. The experiences and contributions of African Americans are essential to the story of our nation. This is a story for everyone, reflecting the heart of our nation's journey.

We are excited to share in this meaningful experience with you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Stay with your group at all times and follow museum rules.
- Engage with the exhibits and take notes on things that stand out to you.
- Respect the museum's quiet and reflective atmosphere.
- Ask CYFA staff if you need assistance or have questions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- If you have any questions during the trip, feel free to reach out to your CYFA staff or chaperones:
- **CYFA Staff:** Zipporah Baldwin (Phone: 571-275-9980)
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We look forward to experiencing this powerful celebration of history and culture with you!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 22, 2025

The National Museum of African American History & Culture



CYFA
CENTER FOR YOUTH & FAMILY ADVOCACY



SCHEDULE

12:00 PM: Welcome, Orientation, and Departure from CYFA Headquarters

Location: Lobby of 2111 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA

- Meet in the lobby for check-in and a briefing about the day's events and the museum's layout.
- We will depart as a group and take the Metro to the NMAAHC.
- After arriving, we will gather outside the museum for a group photo and distribute tickets to all participants.

1:00 PM: Arrival and Entry into the NMAAHC

Location: 1400 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, D.C.

- The museum requires that we create groups of no more than 10 people for safety and to maximize the experience.

1:15 PM: Museum Exploration (self-guided)

- Take your time, reflect on what you see, and feel free to engage with multimedia stations or take notes.

Museum Layout:

- Slavery and Freedom (Basement Level)
- Defending Freedom, Defining Freedom: The Era of Segregation (1st Floor)
- A Changing America: 1968 and Beyond (2nd Floor)
- Cultural Expressions (3rd Floor)
- Community Galleries (4th Floor)

3:00 PM: Lunch Break at the Museum Café

Location: Museum Café (Lower Level)

- Enjoy lunch in the café. Use this time to relax and share your thoughts with others.
- Outside food and drinks cannot be consumed in the museum. Refillable water bottles are permitted.

3:45 PM: Final Museum Exploration and Souvenir Shop Visit

- Visit the museum gift shop for educational materials, books, and memorabilia.

4:00 PM: Departure for CYFA Headquarters

- After the museum visit, we will head back to CYFA Headquarters. On the way home, reflect on the importance of Black History Month and how to continue honoring Black history year-round.

Scan the QR Code and share your reflections on what you've learned and how it impacted you.

- What did you learn about African American history that you didn't know before?
- Which exhibit or piece of history did you find most powerful, and why?
- How can we use what we've learned today to make positive changes in our communities?

