



June 19, 1865

YOUTH JUNETEENTH POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

Juneteenth is one of the oldest celebrations in the African American History. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which “freed” African Americans from slavery. However, our ancestors in the southern states had not received the news just yet. It wasn’t until two and a half years later in 1865 that General Gordon Granger marched through the city of Galveston, Texas and informed the enslaved Africans of their freedom. Since 1865, The African American Community have fought and won their freedom despite numerous obstacles.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, is a holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Galveston, Texas, more specifically the emancipation of enslaved Africans throughout the United States of America.

2021 marks 402 years since the first enslaved Africans arrived on the coasts of North America in 1619; we have survived 402 years of good, bad and ugly. One People, One Cause, One Destiny is our motto as we enter the 402nd year on these lands.

Poster and Essay Contest The contests are open to any and all (ages 6-19)
‘What does Juneteenth mean to you?’

Deadline for entry is June 17th by submitting your artwork to the Welcome Center at any YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh location. Submit artwork with completed form below. Contest will be voted on by members of the each YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh area location.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Age Group Entry: ☐ 6-9 ☐ 10-12 ☐ 13-19

Are you a current member of the YMCA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I agree to allow my artwork to be shown online and on social media: ☐ Yes ☐ No



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