

JUNETEENTH

Freedom Day



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Cincinnati's 31st Annual Juneteenth Festival Celebrating Freedom 1865-2018

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What & Why is Juneteenth?

The simple answer is that Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery by remembering June 19, 1865, when a Union General landed in Galveston, Texas, and issued his own version of the Emancipation Proclamation.

But there is a lot more to it than that. Slavery is a painful but important part of American history. And Juneteenth is a time to reflect on where we've been and how far we still have to go.

Emancipation Proclamation

January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued The Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that all slaves in the rebellious states were free. It was a military strategy to create more unrest in the rebellious southern states. Lincoln proclaimed the freedom of only those slaves held in the Confederacy, which did not recognize his authority. That meant it did not apply at all to slaves in slave states like Kentucky, which had never joined the Confederacy.

13th Amendment

Slavery, "except as punishment for a crime," was finally outlawed with the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. December 6, 1865.

The First Juneteenth

The Civil War continued for two more years after the Emancipation Proclamation. The South surrendered in April, 1865, and the Union Army began its occupation of the rebel states.

On June 9, 1865, a Union General landed in Galveston, Texas, saw people still enslaved, and re-issued Lincoln's Proclamation.

Freed slaves in Texas first celebrated June 19 as "Freedom Day." And before long June 19th became known as "Juneteenth." Juneteenth is now a state holiday in Texas and celebrated across the country. Cincinnati's annual Festival began in 1988.

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Cincinnati's Freedom Celebration

June 16 - 17 2018

Eden Park

Saturday June 16

Seasongood Pavilion

12:00 Festival Kickoff
Parade of flags

Starting at 1:00

1:00 Bi-Okoto

2:00 Jazz Renaissance

3:00 MS. Jazz

4:00 Motown Tribute

5:00 Last Boppers

6:00 Basic Truth

8:00 pm ZAPP

By the Lake

1:15 Praise & Worship
Showcase

2:00 Elevation Band

3:00 Behold Raven

3:30 Neva Ford Nation

4:00 RLH Productions

5:00 Ellis Williams

6:00 Rameer Roebuck

7:00 Motown Tribute

Sunday June 17

Starting at 2:00 pm

- John Thornburn
- Cincinnati Gospel Workshop Choir
- Prodigal Sunz
- Renee Hill
- Foster Brothers
- Janice Napier
- Tameria
- Neva Ford Nation
- Dunimis Sign and Mime
- Ellis Williams
- Charles Fold Singers

**Also Enjoy Only
on Saturday**

Kids Area

- Horse rides
- Face paint
- Sunrock Farm
- Games, crafts, stories
- Smokehouse
- Balloons
- Pony Rides

History

- 5th U.S. Colored Troop Company G
- Abe & Mary Lincoln
- Tuskegee Airmen
- Buffalo Soldier
- Bass Reeves
- Montford Point Marines

And Also

- Bid Whist
- Health Screening
- Education Opportunities
- Classic Cars
- Food!

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Cincinnati's annual Juneteenth Festival began in 1988, organized by the non-profit corporation Juneteenth Cincinnati, Inc. Juneteenth Cincinnati is 100% volunteer. The Festival has been dedicated to promoting a better understanding of slavery, the significance of emancipation, and how that history still affects our lives 1502years later