



“Building Intergenerational Communities of Scholars, Educators, and Leaders”

Dear Nubia III (Class of 2021) and Parents:

We are looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to our Rites of Separation and Freshman Servant Leader (FSL) Orientation Training. This training is mandatory for freshmen who plan to attend Sankofa Freedom Academy in September, 2017. **Please be clear, failure to attend FSL Orientation will be interpreted as a decision not to attend Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School. Your slot will immediately be filled from our waiting list!**

Freshman Servant Leader Orientation runs from August 29th – September 1st. Our training begins at Sankofa Freedom Academy, on the morning of August 29th at 9:00 a.m. From August 30th – September 1st, Freshman Orientation will continue at Camp Dark Waters in Medford, New Jersey. Please carefully read the following schedule for orientation so you are clear about what is expected of you.

Date	Times	Logistics
Tuesday, August 29 th	10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School 2501 Kensington Avenue, Phila., PA 19125 2 nd Floor Gym	Freshman will meet at Sankofa and will prepare for the Rites of Separation. FSLs should wear jeans and a black tee shirt for the Rites of Separation ceremony. Please pack your lunch. Dinner will be provided. Parents attend an evening assembly from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 29 th	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 2 nd Floor Gym	Rites of Separation Ceremony – Parents or a family representative, at least 21 years old or older, are required to attend and speak up for your child.
Wednesday, August 30 th	8:00 a.m. (promptly) Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School 2501 Kensington Avenue, Phila., PA 19125	Arrive at Sankofa at 8:00 a.m. Buses leave for Camp Dark Waters promptly at 8:30 a.m.
Friday, September 1 st	Arriving in Philadelphia at 2:30 p.m. Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School 2501 Kensington Avenue, Phila., PA 19125	We will depart from Camp Dark Waters at 1:00 p.m. and will arrive back at Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School at 2:30 p.m.

Although the cost for the training is \$150 per student we are only asking parents for \$75.00. Your \$75.00 must be paid by Friday, August 4, 2017. Payments can be made at Sankofa Freedom Academy between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. **Cash or money orders only. NO CHECKS!**

Enclosed, please find a permission slip and a tentative list of what your child will need to bring for the overnight training. The permission slip must be returned with the \$75.00 payment by **August 4th**. We look forward to you and your child becoming an official part of our community. In order to do so, the freshmen training must be successfully completed.

Striving in Love for Africana Excellence,

Dr. Ayesha Imani, Head of School/Founder



Rites of Separation and Freshman Training Supply List

Dress Code for Rites of Separation:

For the Rites of Separation, each freshman must be dressed in a black tee shirt with blue jeans. The tee shirt should be plain with no writing! Clothing should be loose fitting. (Ladies, no tight clothing allowed).

Preparation for Camp Darkwaters: Camp Darkwaters is extremely rustic! There may be outdoor bathrooms and outdoor showers. THIS IS NOT A VACATION. THIS IS A TRAINING THAT EACH FRESHMAN MUST COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY IN ORDER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF NUBIA III, THE SANKOFA 9TH GRADE CLASS OF 2021. Each freshman must be prepared to push themselves physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually! Below please find a list of items to bring.

Clothing:

3 changes of clothing:

Old loose jeans and plain tee shirts. You will need to do a number of outdoor activities so you must wear clothing in which you can move. Do not buy new clothing. Expect to get dirty!!!!

Extra socks and underwear

One dress outfit

Sneakers (ones that can get dirty)

Jacket

Rain Gear - Rain poncho (REMEMBER WE TRAIN RAIN OR SHINE)

Notebook or journal

Toiletries – deodorant , soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, unscented lotions only

Sanitary Products (Just in case!)

Full set of pajamas (top and bottom)

Slippers

Shower shoes

Sheets

Blanket or sleeping bag

Pillow

Towels and wash cloth

Insect repellent

Sun screen

Several pens

An object to share that has sentimental value

Flashlight

Medical Insurance Info

Do Not Bring

WE ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES. No electronic devices: This includes IPODS, mp3 players, video games . If you bring your cell phone you must turn it in during sessions.

“We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes” - Ella Baker



Sankofa Freedom Academy Freshman Orientation Training Permission Slip

Dear Parent:

Your signature below provides authorization for your child to participate in the Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School Freshman Orientation Training to be held at Camp Dark Waters, 26 New Freedom Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055. Freshman will leave from Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School, at 2501 Kensington Avenue, on August 30th, 2016, at 8:00 am, and will return Friday September 1st, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. We have enclosed a list of what is required to bring.

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Freshman Orientation Training at Dark Waters, 26 New Freedom Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055 from , August 30th – September 1st, 2017. I have enclosed my \$75.00 registration fee. _____

Name of Scholar _____

1. Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers: _____

2. Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers: _____

Insurance Information: _____

Parent's Name (Please Print) _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's Contact Numbers:

Email: _____

Day Time: _____

Evening: _____

Cell _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

