

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

Dear Axum III (Class of 2023) and Parents:

We are looking forward with great excitement and anticipation to our Rites of Separation on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 and Freshman Servant Leader (FSL) Orientation Training August 28 - 30, 2019. This training is mandatory for freshmen who plan to attend Sankofa Freedom Academy in August 2019. **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!**

Our Orientation begins at Sankofa Freedom Academy, on August 27th from 10:00 am – 6:00pm. At 6:00pm, we expect a parent, guardian or older family member to attend the Rites of Separation from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. At that ceremony, the young people will declare to their families and our School community what they intend to bring with themselves from middle school and what they intend to leave behind. From August 27th – August 30th, 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 27, 2019	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 plain black tee shirt for the Rites of Separation ceremony. Please pack your lunch. Dinner will be provided.
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 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 28, 2019	8:00 a.m. (promptly) Sankofa Freedom Academy Charter School 2501 Kensington Avenue, Phila., PA 19125	Arrive at Sankofa at 8:00 a.m. If a young person is late, their family must make arrangements to get their child there on their own or they will forfeit their place.
Friday, August 30, 2019	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 2, 2019. 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 3, 2019**. 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

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 28, 2019, at 8:00 am, and will return Friday August 30, 2019, 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 28, 2019, at 8:00 am - Friday August 30, 2019, at 2:30 pm. I have enclosed my \$75.00 registration fee. _____

Name of Servant Leader Scholar _____

Parent's Name (Please Print) _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's Contact Numbers:

Email: _____

Day Time: _____

Evening: _____

Cell _____

1st Emergency Contact Person (after parent) _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers: _____

2nd Emergency Contact Person _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers: _____

Insurance Information: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



**FRESHMAN SERVANT LEADER
TRAINING CHECKLIST
YOU MUST COME PREPARED!!!**

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE LIMITED TO 2 MEDIUM SIZED BAGS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS ENOUGH ROOM.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES GO ON RAIN OR SHINE!!!
UMBRELLAS DURING TEAMBUILDING ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.**

Clothing and Linen

- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Sheets
- Pillow
- Towel
- Washcloth
- Waterproof jacket & pants
- 2 Pairs of Boots and/or Sneakers/athletic shoes with good traction
- Comfortable clothes for outdoor wear & tear (i.e. shorts, T-shirts, windbreaker, jeans, raincoat, rain hat hiking boots, etc.)
- Warm Clothing (at night, the temperature goes down)
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Jacket/Sweater
- Flashlight

Personal Hygiene

- Dental Products
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hair Grooming Products (please note that all headrags, curlers and other beauty tools are for lodging areas only. No one may wear these items outside your cabin.)
- Shower Shoes (flip flops etc.)
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen

Program Essentials

- Backpack for training materials
- Folder with all materials that we have given you so far
- At least 3 Pens
- A spiral pad with perforated paper

Medical

- Medical insurance card or a copy (in case of emergency)
- Medication & prescriptions

Optional

- Any items you use for spiritual strength & reflection (i.e. Bible, Qur'an, journal, etc.)
- Items for Talent Share (i.e. inspirational poetry & music with no profanity even if edited out) All performances will be screened.
- An item of sentimental significance
- Musical Instrument or recordings for Talent Share
- Travel games for entertainment
- Camera
- Please do not bring extremely expensive items to training.
- Please note, **if you choose to bring cell phones, they will be collected during the day and returned in the evening each day**

SPECIAL NOTE: If you suffer from seasonal allergies or asthma, we will be spending a significant amount of time outside. Please make certain that you have with you any prescriptions or over the counter medications that you may need in order to be healthy in that environment. If a student needs to be excluded from certain activity because of medical reasons, we need a **DOCTOR'S NOTE ON LETTERHEAD** that states the exact restrictions.

Sankofa Freedom Academy is not responsible for lost or damaged items#