

2020 FREEDOM TOUR



**Michigan
Coalition for
Human Rights**

What is MCHR?

Michigan Coalition for Human Rights promotes awareness of, commitment to and advocacy for human rights and the environmental rights of planet Earth through education, community organization and action. MCHR opposes forces that suppress human dignity, and justice — locally and around the world.

What is the Freedom Tour?

The Freedom Tour is an educational trip with a diversified group of high school students from around Michigan learning and experiencing the history of the civil rights movement. It will be an opportunity for the students to become deeply engaged in the history of the civil rights movement while also making the connections as to what it means for them and their communities today. This year's tour theme places emphasis on climate justice, voter's suppression and indigenous sovereignty. Pre-trip training and reading materials will highlight this focus.

When: Friday, June 19th - Tuesday, June 30th

Where: Berea, Kentucky, Atlanta, Georgia; Montgomery and Selma, Alabama; Meridian and Jackson, Mississippi; Henning and Memphis, Tennessee

BEFORE THE TRIP

Cost: The cost of the trip includes transportation, housing, meals, and programming.

Fundraising: Each student will cost approximately \$1500. We are committed as an organization to helping raise a majority of the funds. We will also ask the students to work together in the spring on fundraising projects to help raise the cost of the trip. We ask that the families also contribute to the fundraising efforts.

Training and Preparation: As part of the program, we ask that students participate in pre-trip planning, training, and fundraising activities. Students will be required to attend trainings, retreats, educational and service events.

ON THE TRIP

Transportation: The transportation will be provided by chartered bus company.

Housing: In each city, the group will be staying in institutional housing including university dorms and hotels.

Meals: Three meals a day are covered in the cost of the trip.

Mentors: The students will be accompanied by mentors of at least a 3 to 1 ratio. Mentors will be selected by the MCHR Freedom Tour Committee and must be committed to participating in planning and student programming before the trip and a background check.

Application Process: Student applications are due by Friday, January 31, 2020. Please mail your application to 9200 Gratiot, Detroit MI 48213 or email to:

MCHRFreedomTour@gmail.com

