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Oberlin Heritage Center Takes Part in “Summer of History 2011”



Beginning on May 10th and continuing until October 1, 2011, the Summer of History is a celebration of life in the Western Reserve from the earliest times until the end of the Civil War. More than twenty northeast Ohio historical societies, museums, cemeteries, and parks have banded together with two aims: to increase appreciation of a frequently ignored period of Western Reserve history and to heighten the public’s awareness of the many area organizations dedicated to the preservation of that history.

The Kick-off Event for the Summer of History 2011 is a free “Travel Rally” hosted by Positively Cleveland on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm in Tower City in downtown Cleveland. Representatives of participating organizations will be in attendance to talk about their groups and the activities they have planned for this summer.

As part of the kick-off week, the Oberlin Heritage Center will offer **free tours** of its three historic buildings at **10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, May 10, 12 and 14**. Also on **Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.**, a **free Freedom’s Friends History Walk** will be offered. Registration for all tours is requested. Reservations may be made on line at www.oberlinheritage.org or by calling (440) 774-1700.

The Heritage Center’s onsite guided tour features three historic buildings that serve as background for stories of the community and college in its first century, from the 1833 founding through the turn of the 20th century. The Freedom’s Friends History Walk showcases Oberlin’s important contributions to the history of abolition and the Underground Railroad. Each tour is approximately 75 minutes and is likely to be enjoyed by ages 9 and up.

To obtain a free calendar of a sampling of the Summer of History events being offered throughout the area this summer, contact Karyn Norwood at the Oberlin Heritage Center at CW150@oberlinheritage.org or (440) 774-1700. A complete calendar of Summer of History events is available at www.positivelycleveland.com/summerofhistory.

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