Oberlin Heritage Center Hosts Presidential Field Trip Series

The Oberlin Heritage Center will offer a series of motorcoach trips this summer to learn more about two northern Ohio Presidents and their connections to Oberlin. All are welcome to take part in either or both day trips in the series. Each departs Oberlin at 8:15 a.m. and returns before 3 p.m., and includes motorcoach transportation, guided tours, on-bus discussions of the President’s visits to Oberlin, time for guests to explore on their own, and lunch at a local restaurant. The cost is $65 for one trip ($60 for OHC members) or $110 for both ($100 for OHC members). Children ages 10 and up are welcome, and will receive an additional $5 discount per trip.

First in the series is a visit to the James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor, Ohio on Friday, June 9. Garfield, the 20th President of the United States, also was known for serving as a Major General during the Civil War, a nine-term Ohio Congressman, surprise nominee for the presidential election of 1880, and one of four presidents assassinated while in office.

The second in the series is a trip to Fremont, Ohio to explore the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum, which takes place on Friday, July 14. Hayes, the nation’s 19th President, was well-known as a Civil War general and three-term governor of Ohio. He was the “winner” of one of the most contested presidential elections in U.S. history, which led to significant changes in reconstruction policies.

Advance registration is required for each trip – space is limited, so reserve your place soon! For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700.

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