



2019 Network To Freedom Training General Information

Theme: The theme for this training is **Crossings: Bridging the Authentic Underground Railroad Past to the Present**. The Underground Railroad can be viewed as a migration story of enslaved people who self-liberated and claimed their freedom.

Conference Schedule At A Glance

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Field session tour to Canadian Underground Railroad sites
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Reception, Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

Thursday, September 12, 2019

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration open
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Setting the Stage

Track 1 - History

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Keynote Address on History, Karolyn Smardz Frost
10:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m. History, Case Studies
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Small group discussion/Workshops

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Track 2 - Authenticity

1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Keynote Address on Authenticity, Judy Wellman and Cheryl LaRoche
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Best Practices, Case Studies
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Small group discussion/Workshops

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Niagara Falls Dine Around

Friday, September 13, 2019

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration open
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Summary of discussions from Day One and setting the stage for Day Two

Schedule At A Glance continued

Track 3 - Heritage Tourism and Economic Development

- 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Keynote Address on Tourism and Development
Marci Ross and Sara Capen,
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. History, Case Studies
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Small group discussion/Workshops
- 2:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch

Track 4 - Community Engagement, Relevance, Legacy

- 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Keynote Address on Relevance, Saladin Allah
2:15 – 2:00 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Best Practices, Case Studies
3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Small group discussion/Workshops

Saturday, September 14, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Niagara and Buffalo Tour

Getting to Niagara Falls, USA

Niagara Falls, USA is a 40 minute taxi or shuttle ride from the Buffalo-Niagara Airport.

Shuttle Service

Scheduled Shuttle Service

ITA airport shuttle

\$24/person One-Way (gratuity not included)

Daily – No reservation required.

Times: 8:15 A.M., 9:15 A.M., 10:15 A.M., 11:15 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 1:15 P.M., 2:15 P.M., 3:15 P.M., 4:15 P.M., and 5:15 P.M.

Location: Arrivals – CROSSWALK 3

Drop-off any hotel within 2 miles of falls, or drop-off at falls – Return arrangements made with driver.

On Demand Shuttle Service

ITA shuttle

\$50/person, one-way (gratuity not included)

Location: Arrivals level, CROSSWALK 3

All Shuttles by reservation

Located in Limousine Lot

Buffalo Airport Shuttle

(716) 685-2550 | (877) 750-2550

www.buffaloairportshuttle.com

Taxi Service

On Site TAXI (ITA)
\$70 for up to 5 passengers per vehicle (gratuity not included).
US/Canadian currency or credit cards accepted.
No reservations required.
Location: Arrivals level CROSSWALK 3

Airport Taxi
(716) 633-8294 | (800) 551-9369
www.buffaloairporttaxi.com

Tours & Field Sessions

There is still time to register for the Wednesday Black History Tour of Niagara Canada and the Saturday Field Session.

Wednesday Black History Tour of Niagara Canada

The tour schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM Leave from the Hyatt Place Niagara Falls and the Sheraton Niagara Falls Hotels to travel through customs into Canada (PASSPORTS OR ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSES ARE REQUIRED) to meet your guide in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

This tour will cover from late 1700s until present day. Sites included are:

- the site of the Niagara Movement meeting
- landing site of Freedom Seekers such as Josiah Henson of Uncle Tom's Cabin book fame
- the church of Harriet Tubman and much more.

Should time permit, we will drive through the pretty town of Niagara on the Lake on our way back to the bridge.

5:00 PM Return to the Hyatt Place Niagara Falls Hotel

The cost for the tour is \$75.00 U.S. The cost includes transportation, the guide, a bagged lunch, admission to the church, gratuities and taxes.

Please contact Niagara Bound Tours direct for registration by calling 1-905-685-5375 or by email contact@niagaraboundtours.com no later than September 3, 2019 as seats are limited.

Saturday Field Session

This field excursion will take you on a tour of five sites related to Underground Railroad history in Western New York.

At the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, an award-winning experiential museum, you will be introduced to stories featuring courageous waiters who operated highly effective covert operations in what historians have called, "the earliest biracial civil rights movement in the U.S, and one of the most significant social justice movements of nineteenth century North America."

Learn more at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center's permanent exhibit, "Freedom Crossing: The Underground Railroad in Greater Niagara," which tells the story of the Underground Railroad Movement in Buffalo Niagara. Walk in the footsteps of freedom seekers at the site of the famed Cataract House hotel and Prospect Point at the top of Niagara Falls.

Two additional sites in nearby Buffalo will round out the excursion.

- The Michigan Street Baptist Church was built by African Americans in 1845 and provided a safe haven for the community.
- Finally, the Colored Musicians Club, organized in 1918, is the only remaining African American club in the entire United States and, as such, it actively encourages historical research and preservation of the history of jazz in Buffalo.

To register for this field experience, go to asalh.org and click on the Network To Freedom Training link.

Niagara University Information

- Parking
 - Parking is available in the O'Shea Lot (located near building #19 on the map) and the Dwyer lot (located on the right side of the map near building #28). Note: O'Shea fills up quickly in the mornings.
 - Attendees can also park in any yellow lined area on the street. Campus security will not ticket on the days of our training.
- Registration, all keynote sessions and meals will be held in the 1st floor Russell J. Salvatore Dining Commons (#33 on the Niagara University map)
- Please note that some of our sessions are located in different buildings on campus. They are all within a short walking distance from the Russell J. Salvatore Dining Commons.
Please wear comfortable shoes.
- All the meeting space at Niagara University has WiFi, LCD projectors and screens. There will be a computer/laptop in each session room. Presenters can bring their presentations on a USP.

No Conference Bags

Note that we will not have a conference bag this year so please bring your own. Feel free to bring an extra bag if you want to share.

Registration Times/Locations

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Opening Reception at Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center
Thursday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Niagara University Dining Hall
Friday	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Niagara University Dining Hall

Shuttle Bus Schedule

(Note that the shuttle will need to pick-up from

the Hyatt Place and the Sheraton Niagara Falls Hotels)

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday Opening Reception 6:00 – 8:00 PM	5:30 – 9:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buses run a continuous loop between both hotels and the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center• Buses start returning to hotels at 7:45 PM• Last bus leaves at 8:45 PM.
Thursday Training at NU	7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Buses run a continuous loop between both hotels and Niagara University
Friday Training at NU	7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Buses run a continuous loop between both hotels and Niagara University

Thursday Dine Around

The following restaurants are ready and waiting for NTF Training Attendees to enjoy a delicious meal with local flavor! Transportation is on your own -- all restaurants are located within a 2-mile radius of the Hyatt Place Niagara Falls and Sheraton Niagara Falls.

We will have sign-up sheets for each dine around location at the pre-registration desk on Thursday

The 755 Restaurant and Lounge

<http://www.755westmarket.com/>

755 West Market St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301

Phone: 716-205-8969

~1.8 miles from conference hotels

Specializing in American, Italian, and Lebanese foods. The best Halal Food in Niagara Falls!

The Como Restaurant & Lounge

<https://www.comorestaurant.com/como-restaurant-at-pine-ave>

2220 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls NY 14301

Phone: 716-285-9341

~1.8 miles from conference hotels

Since 1927, the Pine Avenue dining room has been the go-to spot, where locals and travelers alike can enjoy a hearty Italian meal, have a drink with good friends, and become part of the family tradition! The Como on Pine is the oldest standing Italian Restaurant in Niagara Falls.

Red Coach Inn

<https://www.redcoach.com/restaurant/>

2 Buffalo Avenue

Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Phone: 716-282-1459

~.3 miles from conference hotels.

Modeled after the Bell Inn in Finedon, England, The Red Coach Inn has been welcoming guests to Niagara Falls since 1923. This Niagara Falls, NY hotel is the city's most distinctive historic structure, with its English Tudor exterior and warm English country ambiance. Its popular AAA

Three Diamond restaurant is rated "Four Stars-Excellent" by the Niagara Gazette, and is the winner of the Western New York Chef Challenge and the Taste of Buffalo "People's Choice," "New York," and "Best Seafood" awards.

Anchor Bar

<https://www.anchorbar.com/niagara-falls>

114 Buffalo Avenue

Niagara Falls, NY 14303

(Located inside the Holiday Inn)

Phone: 716-285-2521

~.3 miles from conference hotels.

On a Friday night in 1964, Dominic Bellissimo was tending bar at the now famous Anchor Bar Restaurant in Buffalo, NY. Late that evening, a group of Dominic's friends arrived at the bar with ravenous appetites. Dominic asked his mother, Teresa, to prepare something for his friends to eat. The phenomenon created in 1964 by Teresa Bellissimo has spread across the globe. Although many have tried to duplicate Buffalo Wings, the closely guarded secret recipe is what makes Frank & Teresa's the proclaimed "Best Wings in the World."

Chill 443

<https://www.chill443.com/>

443 Main Street

Niagara Falls, NY 14301

(Located inside the Wyndham Garden Inn)

Phone: 716-284-2501

~.3 miles from conference hotels.

Chill 443 is located in the heart of downtown Niagara Falls, featuring inspired yet accessible full-service dine-in cuisine, a casual lounge area with contemporary design and interactive game elements, a carefully crafted coffee bar, gourmet grab-and-go food selections and a gastropub style bar area. It's the perfect hangout for great brews and inspired foods in Niagara Falls, USA!