Freedom Camp Community Celebration

360 Nation at Charles Sumner Math & Science Academy

Garden for a Changing Climate

A city-wide public art project co-created by Chicago communities and artist Jenny Kendler

August 8
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Garden for a Changing Climate is a community co-created project initiated by artist Jenny Kendler and UIC's Gallery 400. GCC partners with five Chicago community organizations to create plant-based infrastructure which will provide meaningful resilience as our planet warms, systems shift—and perhaps even collapse. Through a series of climate change street fairs, GCC works side-by-side with Chicago residents to envision positive post-climate change futures—taking out strategies to claim physical and cultural space against the forces of disaster capitalism, preparing our communities to thrive in this rapidly changing climate.

FREEDOM CAMP COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

Youth DJ Sets
DJ Sadie Rock will provide tunes and facilitate youth DJ sets with members of 360 Nation’s Freedom Camp.

Black Bean Burger Demos
Sit around the table and learn to make healthy, delicious black bean burgers as a community.

Button Making
In celebration of 360 Nation’s four values, participants create buttons with images connected to creativity, resilience, reflection, and hope.

Butterfly Seed-Bombing
Participants are invited to transform Chicago’s gardens into hospitable areas for butterflies through the making of seed bombs: balls made of clay, soil, and seeds that can be tossed into gardens to grow plants.

Double Dutch Game
Black Girls Jump—an organization dedicated to preserving the art of double Dutch jump rope and utilizing childhood games as a fun form of fitness—will hold a double Dutch game from 2:30–3:30pm.

Vegetable Preservations Demo
Learn about the history and techniques of vegetable preservation in this pickling workshop. The cultural traditions and values of food preservation will be considered alongside the effects of preserved foods on the human body.

Volunteer Lot Renovation
This summer, 360 Nation took over three abandoned lots around the vicinity of their home at Charles Sumner Math & Science Community Academy. We are asking for volunteers to come and continue the transformation of these spaces into gardens, playgrounds, and any number of imaginative options. *If available please bring rakes and/or compost.

360 MISSION STATEMENT
360 Nation is a community organization based out of the West Side of Chicago that utilizes relationship building, grief, and talents to promote self-determination in the Black community. In order to facilitate restoration and transformation for the Black community, 360 Nation has concentrated its effort into four separate areas: a school-based leadership Academy, the eco-week Summer Freedom School, skill-based trainings on Saturday mornings at the Laboratory, and the plan-to-neighborhood initiative LIFE Miracles. These provide opportunities for 360 Nation to interact with the community in an authentic and positive manner.

FREEDOM CAMP 2018 INFO
360 Nation's Freedom Camp focuses on health, wellness, and land cultivation. The Freedom Camp serves as a catalyst for 360 Nation to encourage themselves and others to become active in their communities through land cultivation.

360 NATION CORE VALUES

Creativity
We believe the act of creating brings us closer to the source of life. It has the ability to transform ideas at the outset for radical and community-driven change. Therefore, the act of healing is not only a healthy human act, but a celebration too.

Resilience
Without determination and perseverance, Resilience is not possible. Given that Black American culture was limited and cut off at all stages, we believe this trait is an inherent and necessary value for the Black community.

Reflection
In order to move forward, we must learn from the past. This individual/collective practice allows us to integrate traditional and new philosophies and practices that contribute to the transformation of Black communities.

Hope
The driving force of our work. We wish to provide initiatives that not only help and uplifted lives for our members but to broader community as well. We are firm in the belief that this value is the fuel that drives all of our actions.