

FIERCE AND FABULOUS!

A Youth Investigation into LGBTQ Histories of Resistance

JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2009

A week-long summer field investigation for youth ages 13-19, sponsored by the Howard A Friedman Education Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California

The FRIEDMAN EDUCATION PROJECT OF THE ACLU IS LOOKING FOR 20 YOUNG PEOPLE...

The Friedman Education Project is the youth activism, education and leadership project of the ACLU of Northern California. Established in 1991, the Project works with young people and teachers to improve understanding of the core principles of the Bill of Rights, to make the connection between these rights and the issues in their lives and to build power and leadership among young people so they may take leadership on issues affecting them and their communities.

Learn more about the Friedman Education Project at <http://www.aclunc.org/youth>

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PROTECTING PEOPLE'S RIGHTS? Then you should apply!

The trip is July 26 – August 2, 2009, and is FREE to 20 northern California high school youth ages 13 to 19. We will travel around Northern California to visit an amazing array of people and places. Some questions we hope to explore are:

- **What are the histories of LGBTQ resistance? Who led and participated in them? Is history portrayed accurately? Why or why not?**
- **What do we mean when we say LGBTQ? Who is centralized and who is marginalized within even the acronym? How has the queer movement changed over time?**
- **How do LGBTQ struggles connect to other struggles for justice and liberation?**
- **What are school struggles experienced by LGBTQ young people? What are we taught about LGBTQ people in schools? What are school movements for LGBTQ justice?**
- **What would a world that celebrated all genders and sexualities look like?**

SO YOU'RE INTERESTED...NOW WHAT?!?!? Fill out this application & attach your answers to the questions (see other side). Send them to us **postmarked by Saturday, May 23rd 2009** or you may apply online at www.aclunc.org/youth. On **Saturday, June 6th**, we will be inviting selected applicants to meet with us at the **ACLU office in San Francisco in a group interview.**—this is necessary to be considered for the trip! You'll get a chance to interact with potential participants and learn more about the trip. **We will give the strongest priority to folks who will be high school students in northern California for the next school year, who participate in our meetings this summer (come get to know us!), & who demonstrate strong interest in the topic.**

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ACLU 2009 SUMMER FIELD INVESTIGATION APPLICATION

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Name: _____ Gender: _____
Email: _____ Home Phone: _____
Street Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ School: _____
Ethnicity/Race: _____ School City: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Expected graduation year: _____

Return this slip, attached to your responses to the questions, postmarked by **Saturday, May 23rd 2009**

ACLU SUMMER FIELD INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

You'll stay involved & educate your peers about the issues you've studied.

After the trip we will be hooking up with organizations we met with and you'll have the opportunity to use your knowledge to develop group projects addressing aspects of the trip that you respond passionately to.

The projects we choose to create will depend upon your interests! What's going on in your community or at your school? What do you want to learn more about? We'll be focusing on LGBTQ issues, rights, and histories for the entire 2009-10 year, exploring it more through political education, activism, field trips, and our annual Youth Rights Conference where you get the chance to educate and mobilize other young people!

Things your parent/guardian/family might want to know...

This will be the 14th annual trip the ACLU has organized for youth. The first trip in 1996 was on immigration. In the subsequent years that followed we have explored the juvenile justice system, sexism, tribal sovereignty, homelessness, corporate America, the drug war, the truths and myths of military recruitment, and educational equity and racial justice. We always have at least one adult per five youth. We travel by chartered bus and public transportation, stay in hotels and hostels and feed everyone well.

APPLICANTS - Please answer these questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. Please describe your identity in terms of race/ethnicity, age, class, gender, sexuality, and/or disability. How do you see those points of identity relating to your interest/experience in the summer trip topic?
2. What life experiences have you had that would prepare you for this trip?
3. Please describe any clubs and activities (ie. activism, sports, youth clubs, church) you're involved in, as well as your role. Note any job or community service experience you have.
4. Tell us about your interest/experience with this topic and what you hope to gain from this experience.
5. What experience do you have working with people different than you? What qualities will you bring to the summer trip group?
6. Can you commit to speaking to your peers in classrooms and participating in Friedman Education Project meetings (every other Sunday from 1-4pm) throughout the following school year?

QUESTIONS? Call Friedman Project Director bruin runyan at 415.621.2493, extension 337

Please return your application, POSTMARKED no later than Saturday, May 23rd 2009 to:

ACLU Friedman Education Project: Summer Field Investigation 2009
39 Drumm Street, San Francisco, CA 94111

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Please make sure that you have a conversation with your parents/guardian

BEFORE you apply for the trip—make sure that they know:

- If accepted you'll be out of town from July 26-August 2nd, 2009
- If accepted, you'll be expected to make presentations about the trip to high schools no more than once a month throughout the 2009-10 school year
- Other basic details about the trip (see above in **Things your parent/guardian/family might want to know..**) We understand this topic can be sensitive, so talk to us if you need more strategies about how to talk to your parents/guardians about it. We want to support you to participate if you're interested!

I have talked to my parents/guardian/family about the 2009 Summer Field Investigation and the details listed above. They know about my intention to apply and go on this trip.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Phone Number

Applicant Signature

Date

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