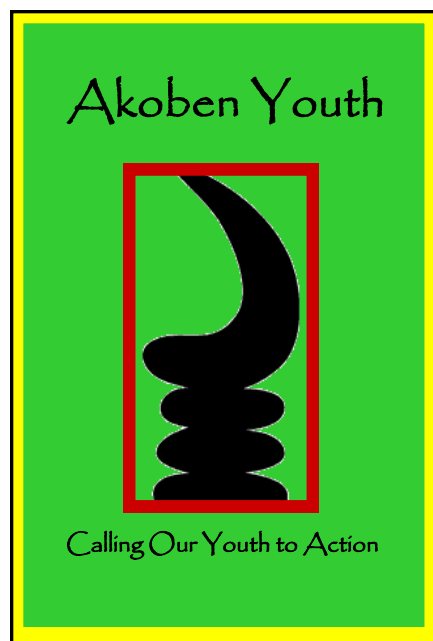


ASCAC
Akoben Youth Institute
Youth Symposium and Maroon Festival Tour
Negril, Jamaica WI
January 3rd -9th, 2012



Association for the Study of Classical African
Civilizations

Preparing our Youth to Build for Eternity



Akobben Youth Institute



Hotep Members and Friends,

The ASCAC Akoben Youth Institute warmly invites your participation in the 3rd Annual International Youth Symposium and Study Tour. In commemoration of the 274th anniversary of Captain Kojo's victory defeat of the British, which lead to the historical treaty signed between the Maroon people and the British, the ASCAC Akoben Youth will convene in Negril, Jamaica with a symposium and Study Tour on January 3 -9, 2012.

The ASCAC Akoben Youth Symposium seeks to bring together youth from various socio-economic, cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds to bridge the gap between generations, keeping a focus on civic engagement in the community by having attendees engaged in dialogue. The Symposium will be devoted to presentations and arguments which discuss the call for African Unification. Our program has been outlined to educate, engage, entertain and encourage our youth to take on leadership roles in the Global African Community.

This years' theme, "Out of Many People Comes One", actualizes and renews the collective commitment we have as an organization to the people of African descent. The significance of this symposium and study tour is to celebrate and pay reverence to the African centered thought of our ancestors and reestablishes closer communications among the African world community.

ASCAC remains a member sponsored, self-determining and self-sustaining organization with the uncompromising courage to continue our efforts to reconstruct and restore our history and humanity. We sincerely look forward to your attendance and participation in this historic event.

Keep Building for Eternity

Tabbette Jwahir Blake, AYI Coordinator

"We must go beyond textbooks, go out into the bypaths and untrodden depths of the wilderness and travel and explore and tell the world the glories of our journey" ~ John Hope Franklin



Tour Conditions



Akoben Youth Symposium and History Tour Negril, Jamaica

Air and Land Package \$995.00 per person (added single Room Supplement \$255)

Tuesday Morning Depart BWI for Montego Bay
Arrival Montego Bay

Visit Outameni Cultural Center for a historical introduction to Jamaica. Your experience will take you on a journey back in time depicting Jamaica's cultural mosaic.
Afternoon Be transported to Negril and greeted at the Welcome Reception.

Wednesday Morning Grand Opening of the Akoben Youth Symposium
Symposium Workshops And Plenaries
Afternoon City Tour of Negril and dinner at Ricks Café

Thursday Morning Tour Mt. Airy All Age School
Please bring school supplies or monetary donations, for presentation to our host school.
Afternoon Symposium Work Shops and Plenaries

Friday Full Day 273rd Annual Maroon Festival

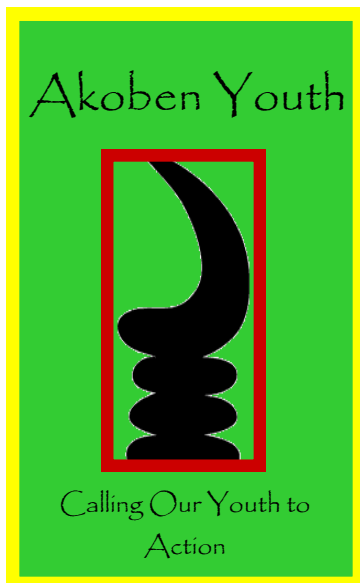
We will join the descendents of the ancestral tribes Mandingo and Ashanti African warriors as they celebrate the 273rd celebration of the birth Captain Cudjoe, a Maroon warrior, who defeated the English and later brokered a peace treaty in 1738, which guaranteed them freedom and significant land holdings for his people.

Saturday Full Day Marcus Garvey and Bob Marley Tour

Early drive to Kingston for our visit to the Bob Marley Museum and Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the Hon. Marcus Garvey.

Sunday Morning Free Day
Evening Closing Banquet and Awards

Monday Morning Depart Jamaica for the USA
Evening Arrival to BWI Airport





Suggested Reading List

True-Born Maroons (New World Diasporas) [PAPERBACK] Kenneth Bilby (Author)

The Mother of Us All: A History of Queen Nanny, Leader of the Windward Jamaican Maroons [PAPERBACK]
[Karla Lewis Gottlieb](#) (Author)

Marcus Garvey and the Vision of Africa [PAPERBACK]
[John Henrik Clarke](#) (Editor)

Maroon Societies: Rebel Slave Communities in the Americas [PAPERBACK]
[Richard Price](#) (Editor)

Mastery, Tyranny, and Desire: Thomas Thistlewood and His Slaves in the Anglo-Jamaican World [PAPERBACK]
[Trevor Burnard](#) (Author)

Fight for Freedom (Paperback)
[Carey Robinson](#)

Jamaica in Slavery and Freedom: History, Heritage and Culture (Paperback)
by Kathleen Monteith (Editor), Glen Richards (Editor)

One Blood: The Jamaican Body (SUNY Series, the Body in Culture, History, and Religion) [PAPERBACK]
[Elisa Janine Sobo](#) (Author)

Marcus Garvey, Hero: A First Biography (Silsilat Islamiyat Al-Thaqafah)[PAPERBACK]
[Tony Martin](#) (Author)

The Pan-African Connection: From Slavery to Garvey and Beyond (New Marcus Garvey Library) [PAPERBACK]
[Tony Martin](#) (Author)

The Iron Thorn: The Defeat of the British by the Jamaican Maroons [PAPERBACK]
[Carey Robinson](#)

Call for Presenters

Symposium Theme: Out of Many Comes One People

Panels and presentations are welcomed in the areas of Economics, Education, Research, Creative Productions, Science and Spiritual Development. Submitted proposals/abstracts are no more than one page in length typed and must be received by,
November 30, 2011.

Please provide the title of your paper, your complete mailing address, institutional affiliation, if any, to:
ablake@akobenyouth.com

Or

Akoben Youth Institute 3604 Ripplingbrook Ct.
Bowie MD, Maryland 20721 USA



Akobben Youth Institute



What you should know

Entry Requirements

U.S. Citizens travelling to and from Jamaica must present a valid passport when leaving and or re-entering the United States. Residents must present their Alien Resident Card (Green Card) together with passport of country for which they hold citizenship. All visitors are required to travel with a return ticket or onward ticket for entry into Jamaica. For more information, go to: <http://www.congenjamaica-ny.org/visas/>

Canadian Citizens: Valid passport or a government-issued identification with photograph, along with an official birth certificate. Canadian residents must present a Canadian Permanent Resident Card and a passport showing country of citizenship.

Click for more information on:

[Jamaica Embassies and High Commissions](#)

[Consulates and Consulate-Generals](#)

Banks/Currency

Licensed cambio centers and commercial banks are accessible in all resort areas. Official currency exchange rates vary daily, so it's advisable to shop around for the best rate before converting your cash. Most Jamaican ATMs accept international bank cards with Visa, MasterCard, Cirrus and Plus logos. Banks also give credit card advances, change traveler's cheques among other financial services.

Climate

Jamaica enjoys a tropical climate, characterized by high temperatures and humid conditions year-round. Average temperature ranges from 19 degrees Celsius (66 degrees Fahrenheit) to 32 degrees Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit).

Though we're known for our warmth and sunshine, the island sees two rainy seasons from May to June and September to November.

Also, hurricanes may pass over the island primarily during the months June to September.

Will it rain during your holiday? If it does, don't worry. Most times, the short tropical showers provide a welcome break from the afternoon heat – just look at it as liquid sunshine, not rain!

Communications

Jamaica is well connected to the rest of the world. Direct international telephone service operates in all areas 24 hours a day, and telephone operators will gladly facilitate collect, third-party or credit card calls. International faxes, cables and telegrams can be sent from most hotels and post offices. E-mail and Internet access is available too, usually at hotels and parish libraries, but also at local Internet cafes. There are three daily national newspapers and five weekend newspapers, all available island-wide. Some hotels and gift shops receive the international editions of The New York Times, TIME, The Economist and the London Times.

Driving

The most important thing to remember when driving in Jamaica is that here, we drive on the LEFT, although some flexibility is required to avoid collisions with pedestrians, cows, goats, chickens and other domestic animals. We have over 17,000 kilometers of road networks connecting all major towns and cities; the speed limit is 50 kmph (30 mph) in built-up areas, and 80 kmph (50 mph) on highways. All drivers are required to carry a valid license. Jamaica recognizes valid International Driver's Licenses, but visitors from North America may use their country's license for up to three months per visit. Car rental is available in most major towns and cities, and usually, clients must be no less than 25 years old to rent.

Drugs

In Jamaica, the use, sale and possession of drugs such as ganja (marijuana), cocaine, crack, ecstasy, heroin and any other controlled substance is illegal. Violators are subject to severe punishments – specifically arrest, fine and imprisonment.

Electricity

The electrical supply in Jamaica is 110 volts/50 cycles standard, and electrical appliances use plugs that are two-pronged and flat (such as those used in the United States and Canada). If your appliances do not use 110 volts or flat two-pronged plugs, bring the requisite adaptors and converters with you.

Language

The official language of Jamaica is English, although most of us converse using 'Patois', a dialect as colourful and intriguing as our Jamaican personalities. It may take some time for you to become accustomed to it. When that happens, though, you'll have fun trying the local expressions.

Invited Guests

Queen Nzinga Heru	Dr. Leonard Jeffries	Queen Ife Caruthers
Dr. Gregg Carr	Dr. Rosalind Jefferies	Hon. Patsy Jo Hilliard
Dr. Annette Blake	Dr. Anderson Thompson	Baba Ron Mc Coy
Dr. Mario Beatty	Dr. Joye Hardiman	Queen Latrellia Thornton
Dr. Valethia Beatty	Dr. Kerry Foster	Baba Naeem Deskins
Seba Yvonne Stone	Sis. Sharron Whitney	Baba Jerome Boykin
Seba Yvonne Jones	Hon. Andrew Holness	Baba Larry Crowe
Baba Tony Browder	Dr. Moriba Kelsey	Dr. Tony Martin
Queen Mother Mary	Baba Jim Gray	The Unofficial Editing Committee
All King and Queen Creators	Our Guardian Ancestors	... and You!!!

Tour Conditions

Air Transportation: Round trip Air transportation from BWI to MBJ is included in the quoted rates.

Baggage: First Checked Bag the charge for a first checked bag is \$20 with size and weight limitations. Overweight Baggage: Overweight baggage rates are based on weight: \$49 for bags weighing 51 to 70 pounds and \$79 for bags weighing 71 to 100 pounds. Baggage weighing over 100 pounds will not be accepted.

Hotel Accommodations: Three star hotel, two persons staying a twin bedroom with a private bathroom. Patio. Garden view. In-room safe. Individually decorated. Wireless (high-speed) Internet access - complimentary. 19-inch television. Television - Digital service. Television. Premium TV channel (s). HBO. Telephone. Clock radio. Shower/tub combination. Iron/ironing board. Microwave (additional charge). Refrigerator (additional charge). Air conditioning. Climate control.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinners Daily

Tips: Tips associated with portorage at hotels, meal gratuities, GUIDES and DRIVERS rendering services ARE included

Taxes: Services charges as imposed by lodging facilities, taxes by local administrators and government on lodging are included in all services rendered to the group. Airport taxes

Booking Conditions: Deposit and payment. A non-refundable deposit of 250.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is to be made no later then 45 days of departure

Cancellations: All cancellations must be made in writing and date of receipt determines cancellation penalties assessed.

Tour Price does NOT include: Expense of Passports, Laundry, Wines, Liquors, Mineral Water, Checked baggage fee, excessive baggage fees, personal items, internet access, telephone calls, motorized water sports, glass-bottom boats, and scuba diving plus all other items not listed as being included in the tour price.

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“Out of Many People Come One ”
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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

The Akoben Youth Institute has planned a number of exciting activities for your child(ren) this year in Negril, Jamaica. The theme this for youth is “Out of Many People Comes One ” and includes the following activities are specifically designed for all age groups:

- Interactive educational breakout sessions
- Participation in a community service project which Volunteer H.S. Hours maybe available
- A cultural learning experience
- Educational exchange with students at the Mt. Airy All Ages School
- Cultural Tours of Jamaica

The following form must be completed, signed and submitted to ensure your students participation in the Youth Symposium Jamaican Tour. A Parent or Guardian must complete and sign the form. Please return this form with your student registration form to your youth leader.

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my child _____ to attend the ASCAC Akoben Youth Symposium and Jamaica Cultural Tour in Negril, Jamaica January 3-9, 2012.

I _____ (parent or guardian), do hereby release the ASCAC Akoben Youth Institute, it’s chaperones or designees from any and all liabilities and such personal injuries as may result directly or indirectly from any activity conducted under the supervision and direction of the ASCAC Akoben Youth Institute, as relates to all activities sponsored by or supervised by ASCAC Akoben Youth Institute representatives.

I also give permission for my child to receive minor medical treatment in case of injury. I understand that I am financially responsible for fees not covered by my insurance.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent (s) / Guardian)

Notary _____ Date _____
(If not traveling with your child)

If you have any further questions please contact Tabbette Blake at tblake@akobenyouth.com or 240.472.4961
We will be traveling out of the country therefore it is necessary to have this permission slip notarized for each youth attendee under the age of 17 who is not traveling with a parent or legal guardian.

On site Chaperones will keep a copy of this form with them for the duration of the tour.

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"Out of Many People Come One"
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Travel Registration Form

Legal Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Room Type

Single (+ 255) _____ Double _____ Triple _____

Traveling Companion (s) _____

Conference Badge Name _____

Tee Shirt Size Md ___ Lg ___ 1x ___ 2x ___ 3x ___

(will be distributed during Welcome Reception)

Payment

Cash _____ Cashiers Check _____ Money Order _____

CC via Paypal _____ (jamaica2012@akobenyouth.com)

Email used _____

Amount \$ _____ Date _____

**Non Refundable Deposit of
\$275.00 due**

**At time of booking
Final Payment must be
made no later then 45 days
prior to departure.**

******Passport Information******

Please Attach photo copy of your passport to registration

Do you have a current Passport? Yes ___ No ___

Number _____

Date Issue _____ Expiration _____ DOB _____

**All U.S. citizens traveling by air
outside of the United States are
required to present a passport.**

Travelers **age17 and under** must
have a valid passport along with a
notarized letter of consent from
parents or legal guardian to travel
out of the US borders.

Signature of Traveler or Legal Guardian

Date _____

Special

Instructions : _____

Mail form and Payments to:

Akoben Youth 3604 Ripplingbrook Ct. Bowie MD, 20721

Or email: Tblake@akobenyouth.com