



The Monmouth County Park System extends an invitation to attend a program to celebrate African American History. All are welcome. Below are the details of the program offering, the biography of TAHIRA and background information of her presentation. Pre- registration is available 24/7 online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com or by calling Reservations Monday - Friday at 732.842.4000, ext. 1 from 8am - 4:30pm. Walk-ins welcome. Cash or check only; checks written out to the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

If you have questions, call Rachel Cohen at 732.542.1642, ext. 29. Thank you!

Freedom Stories

(all ages, under 18 with adult)

A compelling look at the men and women who took extraordinary risks for freedom presented by gifted storyteller TAHIRA. Her program includes freedom songs which included coded messages used by enslaved Africans to devise plans for escape. Emphasizes courage in the face of injustice.

One session \$5.00 Per Person

Tatum Pk Red Hill AC

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TAHIRA's BIO:

TAHIRA is a storyteller, poet, vocalist, and percussionist with a bachelor's degree from Temple University's School of Communication and Theatre. Whether performing her original works or her vast repertoire of stories from the African oral tradition, she brings to her audience messages of courage, hope, and triumph.

Blending, song, poetry, and story, TAHIRA's high-energy performances delight listeners of all ages. Since becoming a full-time performing artist in 1996 she has performed in more than 100 cities throughout the country, appearing at schools, libraries, national conferences, performing arts centers, colleges, and community and senior centers.

Description of Freedom Stories:

Gifted storyteller TAHIRA shares tales of freedom fighters in this dramatic performance. A compelling look at the people who took extraordinary risks for freedom, the program can be tailored to highlight such topics as the Civil Rights Movement, Black women in history, or the Underground Railroad. The program includes freedom songs such as "John the Rabbit," which contained coded messages used by enslaved Africans to devise a plan of escape. This program emphasizes the importance of having courage in the face of inequality and injustice.