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JOIN THE YPRIDE TO WALK IN THE 2018 ASHLEY RUKES PRIDE PARADE! THE PARADE CELEBRATES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY AND THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF OUR GREAT CITIES. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, LET'S MAKE THIS ANNUAL EVENT THE LARGEST AND MOST EXCITING PARADE EVER.

2018 ASHLEY RUKES PRIDE PARADE
SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2018

All are welcome to join us for this family-friendly celebration showcasing the YMCA of Greater Twin Cities' support for diversity and inclusion for all.

Schedule

9:30 am: Meet at parade staging area along 5 3rd St in Downtown Minneapolis
11:00 am: Parade begins and continues South on Hennepin Ave through Downtown
1:00 pm onward: Explore Pride Fest in Loring Park on your own

RSVP by June 8 at bit.ly/YPrideParade2018

If you have any questions, contact Vince St Martin at 612.242.1228 or Vince.StMartin@ymcamn.org

Join YPRIDE on Sunday, June 24 for the Twin Cities Pride Parade.



The Pride Flag colors represent **Red: Life, Orange: Healing, Yellow: Sunlight, Green: Nature, Blue: Serenity, Violet: Spirit**

YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities Social Responsibility Spotlight

YMCA CELEBRATES LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

The month of June was established as National Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred June of 1969 in New York City. As a result, cities across the country celebrate the challenges the LGBTQ community have overcome in the past 50 years, as well as acknowledge those yet to come.

In the Twin Cities, YPRIDE is calling on the Y community to walk in the Twin Cities Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24! Whether you identify as LGBTQ or you're an ally to the community, the continued support to YPRIDE helps everyone (and particularly youth) know that there is a place for them in their community and at the YMCA.

For those interested in participating in this year's Pride parade with YPRIDE, please sign up [here](#).

In addition, the YMCA, whose 2,700 local affiliates serve 22 million people, has launched a national program to better serve LGBTQ families and children. For more information, read [here](#).

The YPRIDE Resource Network serves all LGBTQ individuals so they feel safe, welcomed and valued to fully advance the mission of the YMCA. For more information on joining YPRIDE, please email Joe Fifield (Chair) at Joe.Fifield@ymcamn.org.

OUTSIDE THE FOUR WALLS: MISSION IMPACT COUNCIL HOSTS AFRICAN-AMERICAN INNOVATION LAB

The Mission Impact Council (MIC) is conducting a series of immersion experiences and equity innovation labs with diverse groups throughout the Twin Cities as a way to see where and how the Y might collaborate to make a difference for youth. The Y wants to look at both the particular opportunities and needs of each community and the commonalities multiple communities possess.

Youth comments from last month's sessions:

- "I love seeing the local community showing support for inclusiveness and communication."
- "I love that we could actually make a difference to our community. Learning about everything is very beneficial."
- "I really like that I am able to contribute to the solution. I am glad that this lab is very inclusive."



The May Mission Impact Council was hosted at the Burnsville YMCA.



Nominate yourself or a peer to the Emerging Leaders Resource Network 30 Under 30 Awards [here](#).



Amanda Hooper and Elizabeth Paschel Hoisington, Retired US Army, participate in the Veterans Women's Conference of Minnesota.



Y families, team members, friends and volunteers place flags at Ft. Snelling on Memorial Day.

30 UNDER 30 PROGRAM HONORS 2018 EMERGING LEADERS

Thirty Under 30 is an employee recognition program through the Emerging Leaders Resource Network (ELRN). The ELRN will identify 30 full-time team members, under the age of 30 for their accomplishments.

Nominations are now live for the Y's 30 Under 30 Awards. To nominate yourself or someone else, please see [here](#). Nominations close June 30 and winners will be announced to the Y Movement this October.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATES VETERANS

Memorial Day weekend was busy for the Y's Veterans and Military outreach program. At the Veterans Women's Conference of Minnesota, the Y presented on the programs offered and connected with amazing organizations. Over 150 female vets attended the conference including the first, female Brigadier General.

Also on Memorial Day, YMCA team members, and their families, volunteers and veterans joined the Y Veterans/Military Rendezvous team to place flags at Ft. Snelling. This was the first time in 30 years the Y had the resources to participate in the event.

Site Highlights:

- Shoreview YMCA: hosted a Veterans Yoga Project in May for local veterans.
- Ridgedale YMCA: hosted a Military Family Town Hall in May, allowing the Department of Defense to engage with local families of soldiers to have a dialogue and be heard.

Upcoming events:

- June 10: Splash Pad Family Fun Get-Together, Forest Lake YMCA
- June 24: Red Bull Military Appreciation, Central Park, North Branch, MN from 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Amanda Hooper, amanda.hooper@ymcamn.org.

JUNETEENTH RECOGNIZES THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S. The observance of June 19 as the African-American Emancipation Day originated in Galveston, Texas in 1865 and has spread across the country.



Juneteenth Emancipation Day Celebration, June 19, 1900, Texas.



Celebrating Emancipation Day, June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE



Save September 7 for the 2018 Regional EMLE: A Seat at the Table.



Join YPRIDE at the Twin Cities Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24 in downtown Minneapolis.

Today, Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month, marked with celebrations and a time for reflection and rejoicing. Juneteenth’s growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in the country long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can society make significant and lasting improvements.

The Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration, founded 30 years ago, is said to be one of the two largest Juneteenth celebrations in the U.S., surpassing the Texas celebrations where Juneteenth is a state holiday.

For more information please visit: Juneteenth.com

SAVE THE DATE!

- June Lunch & Learn: YPRIDE
- MinneAsianStories Exhibit: June 18-22, Equity Innovation Center
- [Twin Cities Pride Festival](#): Sunday, June 24, YMCA-YPRIDE team will gather in downtown Minneapolis at 9:30 a.m.
- Regional EMLE (Emerging Multicultural Leadership Experience) September 7, Metropolitan State University in St. Paul

Best,

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