

**Freedom
Camp
Community
Celebration** **360 Nation
at Charles
Sumner Math
& Science
Community
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

-3:30 PM

Freedom Camp Community Celebration

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—staking 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.

This collaborative, community engaged project is funded by the Humanities Without Walls consortium based at the Illinois program for Research in the Humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Humanities Without Walls consortium is funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Partners in producing the project are artist Jenny Kendler, curator Lorelei Stewart (Director, Gallery 400) and art historian and educator Hannah Higgins at UIC, education researchers Noah Weeth-Feinstein, Alexandra Lakind, and Cori West at UW-Madison, as well as numerous Ph.D. and Masters students, scientists, and community activists.

360 MISSION STATEMENT

360 Nation is a community organization based out of the West Side of Chicago that utilizes relationship building, gifts, 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 six-week Summer Freedom School, skill-based trainings on Saturday mornings at the Laboratory, and the pop-up neighborhood initiative Lil' Miracles. These provide opportunities for 360 Nation to interact with the community in an authentic and positive manner.

FREEDOM CAMP 2018 INFO

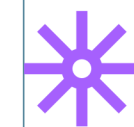
360 Nation's Freedom Camp focuses on health/wellness and land cultivation. The Freedom Camp serves as a catalyst for 360 Nation to encourage themselves and others to become active in their communities through land cultivation.

In their mission to promote self-determination for the community, 360 Nation is continuing the process from last summer to transform two vacant, hazardous lots into community gardens that will supply healthy food options for Summer Academy and the broader community. Given the lack of healthy food options, recreational and congregational spaces, and education that focuses on land cultivation and acquisition, 360 Nation's work is grounded in raising youth consciousness of the role land plays in our right to congregate and educate.

The cultivation of this land also serves as a springboard for a self-sustainable ecosystem. All materials used to build the garden are all-natural products that have come from Summer Academy and the surrounding community. This trash to treasure method derives from an asset-based and creative approach to community self-sustainability. This approach to community development is grounded in the believe that with will, dedication, and creativity, communities can define for themselves what it means to thrive.

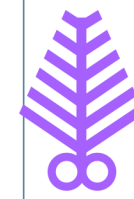
360 NATION CORE VALUES

Creativity



We believe the act of creating brings us closer to the source of what it means to be fully human and serves as the catalyst for radical and community driven change. Therefore, the act of creating is not only a truly human act, but a political one as well.

Resilience



Without determination and perseverance, liberation is not possible. Given that Black American culture was birthed and cultivated out of struggle, 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, as well as new philosophies and practices that contribute to the transformation of Black communities.

Hope



The driving force of our work. We work to provide initiatives that not only inspire and cultivate dreams for our members but the broader community as well. We are fully aware that this value is the fuel that drives all aspirations.

