

COMMUNITY ACTING NOW (CAN)

AFRICAN DRUM & KWANZAA

2010 - PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

We are planning our annual Kwanzaa program and are seeking participants for a variety of roles. Please complete this registration form and return to us today but no later than Saturday, October 16th. Remember, no experience is necessary.

We have established Tuesday, December 28th as the date for our Kwanzaa program. However, that is tentative and may change if we are able to identify a larger venue. Right now, it is planned to be at the Roselle Community Center. We will confirm the date and location by Saturday, October 16th.

Please complete this form as it is important that we are able to communicate with you during your participation in our program:

NAME of Child or Student:
AGE of Child or Student:
Name of Parent, Guardian or Teacher: (circle whether you are a parent, guardian or teacher)
Name of School Child Attends:
Grade of child/student:
Address of Parent, Guardian or Teacher:
Email Address of Parent, Guardian or Teacher: (if no email, write street address)
Best Phone Number to reach of Parent, Guardian or Teacher:

PLEASE MARK X FOR THE AREAS THAT YOUR, STUDENT OR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR KWANZAA PROGRAM (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY).

<input type="checkbox"/>	African Drum Circle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mistress/Master of Ceremony	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decorating Tables/Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrating Kwanzaa Principals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrating Kwanzaa Symbols	<input type="checkbox"/>	Face Painting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Libation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Singing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leading Harambee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge/Coordinator Dessert Contest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oratory
<input type="checkbox"/>	Judge/Coordinator for Healthy Food Contest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poetry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other talent:

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TODAY
SO WE CAN FINALIZE ASSIGNMENTS**

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PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

We're excited about you, your child or student's participation in our program this year. Because of that this will truly be "our" Kwanzaa celebration. Remember, no experience is necessary we'll work together to make sure your child or student is prepared. Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday but a cultural celebration of our African heritage. Here is what we need from you/participants:

- Stay in touch with BT and Diane Mathis, Community Acting Now. H: 908-298-8225 BT's Cell: 908-590-6100, Di's Cell: 908-397-4523, Email addresses: btmathis2843@aol.com, dimmathis@aol.com
- Participate in rehearsals as scheduled. Unless we tell you otherwise, these will take place at the Roselle Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Ave., Roselle. We will have several different times to rehearse and we work with you to determine which date/time is best for you. However, these are some dates/times we have currently set aside:

Tuesdays

Oct, 26th at 7pm
Nov. 16th at 7pm
Nov. 30th at 7pm
Dec. 14th at 7pm
Dec. 21st at 7pm

Saturdays

Oct, 2nd between 10am – 2pm
Nov, 20th between 10am – 2pm
Dec. 4th between 10am – 2pm
Dec. 11th between 10am – 2pm

Note: It will not necessarily be required for each participant to make every date above, however, we wanted to give you advance notice regarding these dates so you can plan ahead. We'll confirm as we continue to coordinate and assign roles and assignments.

- The family, parent or guardian of each participant is required to contribute to the feast that will culminate the close of our Kwanzaa program. This includes you to prepare a dish of food or bring some supplies. We'll talk more about this as we proceed. We ask that no one brings dishes with pork, seafood or peanuts due to potential for allergic reactions. Also, that you mark each dish you bring and use disposable pans.
- Each participant should wear African attire. If you need help or advice on where to purchase it, one local store is Rene's Fashion Boutique on Chestnut St., Roselle. Also, we often go to the African Market in Harlem or call us if guidance is needed or you want to come with us one day.
- Each participant the African Drum Circle will need to have or purchase your own drum. Please let us know if you need assistance with identifying vendors for that purchase.
- You can also refer to our web site: communityactingnow.com for future updates.
- Many youth and children will be signing up. We'll do our best to accommodate requests but get your registration in early. We reserve the right to change assignments as needed.
- There is no charge for participating in the Kwanzaa program. We just ask that all participants take their performance or role seriously and do their absolute best!

This is wonderful cultural celebration is still growing but fairly new to some. If you need more information, please check out: <http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.shtml>

Act Now! Do Good! Be the Difference!

Thank you,

BT and Diane Mathis
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