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OAKLEY CABIN SEEKS VOLUNTEER GUIDES

SILVER SPRING, MD - The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is looking for volunteers interested in African American history to be guides (docents) at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville, Maryland. Individuals (over age 14) and families are urged to apply.

Oakley Cabin is one of Montgomery County's premier publicly-owned African American historic sites. Constructed in the 1820s, it was used first by slaves and later became part of a free black community. The Cabin is fully furnished and is located at 3610 Brookeville Road, just ½ mile west of Rt. 97 in Brookeville. Oakley Cabin is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday afternoons April through October, and by request during the week for group tours. With more volunteers, the Cabin can be available to the public more often.

All prospective docents must first complete an online orientation course, followed by three hours of on-site training at Oakley Cabin on **Saturday, April 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** and **Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Handbooks will be given out at the on-site training.

Docents are asked to commit to participate in at least six Saturday or Sunday afternoons or by assignment on weekdays, April through October.

Register for the training by calling or e-mailing Susan Soderberg at 301-563-3405, or susan.soderberg@mncppc-mc.org.

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