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TRAINING BEGINS APRIL 8 FOR OAKLEY CABIN VOLUNTEERS

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. Individuals (over age 14) and families are urged to apply.

Oakley Cabin is open to the public on Saturday 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.

Oakley Cabin Montgomery County's only African American historic house museum. 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 a half mile west of Route 97 in Brookeville.

All prospective guides must first complete an online orientation course, followed by three hours of on-site training at Oakley Cabin on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Volunteers will receive extensive training materials.

Docents are asked to commit to participate in at least six Saturday afternoons or by assignment on weekdays, April 22 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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