

# Website FAQs

## When and where is Our Freedom Festival?

Our Freedom Festival will take place at **First Congregational Church of Oakland** in Oakland, California. The festival is planned as a full-day experience featuring performances, workshops, movement, food, and community gathering.

**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## What can I expect at the festival?

Our Freedom is a day-long celebration of music, movement, healing, and community. The festival will include workshops, performances, shared meals, and an evening closing concert. It is designed to uplift intergenerational, women's, queer, and BIPOC voices and to bring people together around art, joy, and justice.

## What is included with my ticket?

Your ticket gives you access to the full day of festival programming, including workshops, performances, and the evening concert.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase on-site unless otherwise noted.

## What are the ticket tiers?

We offer several ticket tiers so community members can participate at a level that feels accessible and sustainable.

- Early Bird Low Income: **\$32**
- Low Income: **\$36**
- Early Bird Freedom Fighter: **\$90**
- Freedom Fighter: **\$100**
- Early Bird Movement Maker: **\$180**
- Movement Maker: **\$200**
- Early Bird Change Angel: **\$270**
- Change Angel: **\$300**

If you are able, we invite you to choose the highest tier that feels manageable for you. This helps support artist pay, festival operations, and broader access across our community.

## Can I Volunteer?

If you'd like to support the festival and the low-income ticket tier is still not accessible for you, you are welcome to apply for a volunteer role through the form in the "Participate" section of the website. Volunteers receive a free festival ticket in exchange for a five-hour shift helping support the event.

Volunteer roles may include:

- Door monitoring
- Parking lot support
- Merchandise sales
- Guest check-in
- Setting up and taking down chairs
- Supporting meal service
- Helping guide guests to workshops, rooms, and concert spaces

### **Are tickets refundable?**

All ticket sales are final.

### **Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?**

Yes. If you can no longer attend, you are welcome to transfer your ticket to another person through Ticket Tailor.

### **Are tickets tax-deductible?**

Festival tickets are **not** tax-deductible. Separate donations made in support of Our Freedom may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### **Where does the money go?**

A portion of festival proceeds will support **Sogorea Te' Land Trust** and **Restore Oakland**. We are also committed to paying artists well and building an event that reflects our values of care, justice, and sustainability.

### **Is the festival all ages?**

Yes, Our Freedom Festival is open to all ages, and we welcome children and families. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult and remain under adult supervision throughout the festival. Children 12 and under may attend without a ticket.

### **What time should I arrive?**

We recommend arriving a little early so you have time to park, check in, get oriented, and settle in before programming begins.

## **Can I leave and come back during the day?**

Yes, re-entry will be allowed with your ticket/check-in credential.

## **Will the full schedule be posted in advance?**

Yes. A fuller schedule will be shared on the website closer to the event so attendees can plan their day.

## **Is parking available?**

Yes, but parking will be limited.

We encourage carpooling, getting dropped off, biking, or using public transportation if possible.

## **Is the festival accessible by public transit?**

Yes. The venue is in Oakland and can be reached by public transportation.

## **Is the venue accessible?**

We want the festival to be as welcoming and accessible as possible.

There are designated accessible parking spaces in the back lot, and monitors will be stationed nearby to support guests who need step-free entry into the building. From the back lot, a ramp with an ADA-compliant slope leads to a sidewalk that provides access to the sanctuary side door and the blue door serving most ground-floor rooms.

Please note that the blue door is not automatic and may require assistance opening unless someone from your group is able to hold it open.

## **How can I request accessibility support in advance?**

If you have access needs or need support planning your arrival, please contact us ahead of time at [ourfreedomfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ourfreedomfestival@gmail.com) so we can do our best to assist.

## **Will food be available?**

Yes. Vegan food will be available for purchase onsite, including lunch, dinner, and snacks throughout the day.

## **Can I bring my own food and water?**

Yes. You are welcome to bring your own meals, snacks, and water bottle if you prefer.

## **Will there be seating?**

Our Freedom Festival will take place across multiple rooms throughout the church, and seating will vary depending on the space and program. Some events may have limited seating, so we encourage guests to review the festival schedule ahead of time and plan for the performances or workshops they most want to attend.

## **What should I bring?**

We recommend bringing:

- Your ticket confirmation
- A reusable water bottle
- Layers for changing temperatures
- Any personal snacks or food you'd like
- Items that help you stay comfortable throughout a full day of programming

## **What are your health and safety guidelines?**

We want everyone who attends to feel safe and cared for.

Masks will not be required, but some will be available on-site. We ask that you please stay home if you are feeling sick or experiencing symptoms. Most programming will take place indoors in different rooms of the church, with meal times offering the option to eat outside.

## **Who can I contact with questions?**

For any questions not answered here, please reach out to [\*\*ourfreedomfestival@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ourfreedomfestival@gmail.com)