

National Underground Railroad Conference

June 20-24, 2012

St. Augustine, FL

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The **National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program** is proud to present the 6th annual National Underground Railroad Conference in St. Augustine, Florida, June 20-24, 2012. This conference will explore how southern freedom seekers seized opportunities to escape slavery into Spanish Florida, the Caribbean Islands, Indian Territory, Texas, and Mexico.

The conference will also explore how the Underground Railroad shaped the culture of southern freedom seekers, such as the Gullah/Geechee and Black Seminole communities.

Other conference topics include stories of southern freedom seekers during the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, in commemoration of the 200th and 150th anniversaries, respectively.

Gullah Geechee and Black Seminole descendants are particularly welcome give presentations at and attend the conference. The conference will culminate with a cultural festival highlighting traditional crafts, language, music, and foodways.

For more information about the Network to Freedom Program and Underground Railroad conferences, see <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/community/annual-conference.html>, or contact Turkiya L. Lowe, Ph.D., at turkiya_lowe@nps.gov, 404-507-5830.



Escaping to Destinations South: The Underground Railroad, Cultural Identity, and

Freedom along the Southern Borderlands

