

Dear Formal and Informal Educators:

We are excited to share the news that Russell Cave National Monument recently received a grant to host a Trail of Tears Teachers Workshop to take place July 25-30<sup>th</sup> at the Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama. Acclaimed historians and scholars will present lectures on various aspects of Indian Removal policies in the southeast. The presenters will address all the tribes affected by Indian Removal: the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creeks, Seminoles, and Cherokee. We will visit various historical sites in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee to illustrate this powerful chapter in American history. There will be additional programs open to the public during the evening hours at DeSoto State Park; 5 miles from the Canyon Center. The presenters are as follows:

Dr. Kathryn H. Braund: Auburn University  
Dr. Greg O'Brien: University of North Carolina-Greensboro  
Dr. Richard Allen: The Cherokee Nation  
Mrs. Vicki Rozema: University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Dr. Andrew Frank: Florida State University  
Dr. Kelly Gregg: Jacksonville State University

Educators will receive \$100 worth of resource books and resource articles to build their libraries so that they can create meaningful curricula for their students and visitors. They will also receive \$60 (\$300 total) per day stipend to be applied where needed. Those attending will have to fill-out a federal direct deposit form in order to receive compensation for the workshop.

Because the National Park Service wishes to enhance its educational resources, we will request that educators create curriculum-based activities on the Trail of Tears and Indian Removal. We plan to make these activities available on the National Trail of Tears website, National Park Service websites, and ALEX (the Alabama Learning Exchange). We encourage you to visit: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/> and <http://alex.state.al.us/> for activity ideas.

Again, this workshop is geared towards teachers, museum staff, state & federal park staff, and anyone who teaches history and social studies to students and the public and wants to make history come alive.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the application provided and return to Ranger Keena Graham at: 3729 County Road 98, Bridgeport, Alabama 35740 or email it to [keena\\_graham@nps.gov](mailto:keena_graham@nps.gov). All selectees will be notified no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>.



National Park Service Trail of Tears Teachers Workshop Application  
July 25-30, 2011  
Little River Canyon Center  
Fort Payne, Alabama

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Title 1: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Taught (Only if you are a formal educator): \_\_\_\_\_

What do you wish to learn or accomplish at this workshop?

Will you be able to attend the entire workshop? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, which days can you attend?

July 25 (Meet & Greet Reception) 5-7 pm \_\_\_\_\_

July 26: Dr. Braund and Dr. O'Brien \_\_\_\_\_

July 27: Dr. Allen and Mrs. Rozema \_\_\_\_\_

July 28: Dr. Frank, Dr. Allen, & Chris Young \_\_\_\_\_

July 29: Gail King & Larry Smith \_\_\_\_\_

July 30: Check out

Will you be able to create 3 curriculum-based activities by September 30th?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, please explain)

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