

*What do the Grand Floral Parade, Chickasaw Indians, and Pikes Peak
Have in Common?*



They were all visited by FFCNC members on outbound journeys to the Mid-Willamette Valley (Oregon), Oklahoma City, and Colorado Springs Friendship Force clubs.

Outbound domestic journeys give us an opportunity to learn more about our own country – its history, natural treasures, and the many cultures that have enriched our country. Who better to share this with us, than those who live there?

**Let's Make New Friends and Form Strong Friendships
with Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati
May 15 – 21, 2022**

Likely activities and sites to visit may include:

- **Over-the-Rhine** - 19th-century buildings pepper historic Over-the-Rhine, a onetime working-class German neighborhood now home to craft breweries, hip gastropubs, and trendy bars.
- **Tour of the Cincinnati Music Hall** - Built in 1878 this National Historic Landmark Hall is among the City's most recognizable buildings. Impressive from the outside for its Victorian-gothic architecture, it's arguably more remarkable on the inside.
- **Sharon Woods Heritage Village and Glenwood Gardens** - Heritage Village Museum is a living history museum depicting life in Southwestern Ohio through-out the 19th Century. Nearby Glenwood Gardens is a 335-acre park featuring formal gardens, prairies, forests, and wetlands.
- **History Tour including the Basilica** - Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains is a Greek revival structure in downtown Cincinnati.



- **Murals on the Covington Flood Wall** - A team of artists created a magnificent illustration of the history of Covington, KY. Depicting a variety of scenes from the meeting of General George Rogers Clark, Simon Kenton, and Daniel Boone on the mouth of the Licking River to Jacob Price, a local African American leader of the late 1800s, the murals span hundreds of feet along the floodwall and create a spectacular visual effect.



- **National Underground Railroad Freedom Center** shares the stories of freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground Railroad to contemporary times.
- **Farewell Lunch on the B & B Riverboat** – We will see panoramic views of downtown Cincinnati that you can't get anywhere as we sail down the Ohio River.

As mentioned above, this is a tentative itinerary. With sufficient advance planning, it may be possible to make changes to accommodate the interests of FFCNC ambassadors. However, sorry baseball fans. The Cincinnati Reds will not be playing in town during our visit.

The **cost** of the journey will be **\$400 plus transportation**.

Travel to Cincinnati can be either by plane or car. Driving time from the Triad is about 7 – 7 ½ hours depending on your location. The Cincinnati airport (CVG) is a Delta hub and also serves American and United. A quick check of current airfares starts at \$242 for a roundtrip ticket. Once we know which members will be traveling to Cincinnati, if there is interest, we can arrange carpooling.

All ambassadors are required to be fully vaccinated for Covid and boosted. Our hosts will likewise be vaccinated and boosted. Some venues in Cincinnati will require proof of vaccination, so plan to carry your vaccination card or photo of it at all times along with a photo id of yourself (i.e.: your drivers license or other photo id.)

FF Greater Cincinnati has offered to host 15 FFCNC ambassadors. If you are interested in joining this journey, please....

- **Let Martha Brown know of your interest** by calling (336-978-9958) or emailing (brownfamily@triad.rr.com) her.

- Complete the **Ambassador Application and Agreement form**:

<https://www.thefriendshipforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Ambassador-Application-and-Agreement-1.pdf>.

- Copy your **covid vaccination card**.
- For the deposit, please **write a check** to “FFCNC” for the amount of **\$400**. In the memo field, please write “Cincinnati outbound journey.”
- **Mail** the application, copy of your covid vaccination card, and deposit check to [Martha Brown; 131 Newcomb Lane; Lewisville, NC 27023](#). If you wish, you may email your application and copy of your vaccination card to her at the address above.

If you have questions about the journey, please call or email Martha.

The **deadline** for submitting ambassador applications is **March 20**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get back to the mission of Friendship Force. FFCNC is grateful to FF Greater Cincinnati for their willingness to share their homes and families with us.