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2018 Tule Lake Pilgrimage ~ *Preserving Our Hallowed Ground*

Dates: Friday, June 29 through Monday, July 2, 2018

Registration forms posted February 19 at www.tulelake.org

The Tule Lake Committee announces the 2018 Tule Lake pilgrimage, *Preserving Our Hallowed Ground*, is scheduled from June 29 through July 2. Pilgrimage information and registration forms will be posted on February 19, 2018 at: www.tulelake.org.

“This year, given the urgent need to protect what remains of our sacred place of remembrance, we hope to engage those who share our passion for preserving the Tule Lake segregation center site,” says pilgrimage chair, Hiroshi Shimizu. Tule Lake’s preservation is threatened by the FAA’s and Modoc County’s efforts to build a 3-mile long, 8-foot high fence around the primitive rural airport that occupies two-thirds of the historic site.

“As the only segregation center, Tule Lake is unique among the 10 WRA concentration camps,” Shimizu says. “It tells an important civil rights story about Japanese Americans who resisted and said ‘no’ to America’s injustice, a story that is so significant in today’s political climate,” says Shimizu. “This is an American story of protest against injustice, and it should be cherished, not bulldozed, fenced off and erased.”

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Over the past two decades, the Tule Lake Committee has devoted itself to the recognition and preservation of the Tule Lake segregation center story. Thanks to community generosity and government grants, the TLC raised nearly \$1 million to restore historic structures that contribute to Tule Lake’s interpretation, including planning work for the jail restoration project, which is now “shovel-ready.” In two legal challenges, the TLC fought the construction of a 3-mile long fence that would desecrate this civil rights site, and is working toward settlement, determining how to protect and preserve the historic site and ensure access for future generations.

2018 Pilgrimage Registration

Pilgrimage registration forms will be posted on the www.tulelake.org website on February 19 and should be completed and mailed in. Payment is by check only. The standard registration fee is \$500 per person. For those on fixed incomes or students, \$350. If you are a survivor of incarceration at Tule Lake, 80 years of age or older, the registration fee is \$250. Grants are available to assist with the registration fee. If you lack internet access and need registration forms mailed to you via USPS, or if you want more information, contact Hiroshi Shimizu, tel: 415-566-2279 cell: 415-317-2686 or email: hshimizu@pacbell.net

The registration fee is all-inclusive and covers charter bus transportation, lodging, meals and all activities during the four-day pilgrimage. Given the growing interest in the Tule Lake pilgrimage, we expect pilgrimage registration to close very quickly. If you wish to join us, please avoid disappointment by completing your registration as soon as possible.

Pilgrimage Details

Pilgrimage participants travel together in deluxe, chartered buses that depart from San Francisco, Berkeley, San Jose, Union City, Sacramento, Seattle and Portland.

Accommodations are dormitory rooms at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. There are two housing options: standard double-occupancy rooms are included in the registration fee. Accommodations in the 4-bedroom/4-person air-conditioned suites will cost \$50 extra per person. The suites are further from the main activity building and have no elevators. A limited number of ground-level suites are handicapped accessible. If you wish for a room in a suite, please write a separate check to cover the extra \$50 per person expense.

Activities over the 4-day pilgrimage include a tour of the Tule Lake concentration camp site and a memorial service. Intergenerational discussion groups and open forums provide an occasion to learn, share experiences and help heal the multi-generational wounds of the incarceration. The final night's closing cultural program is open to the public and will be held at the Ross Ragland Theater in downtown Klamath Falls.

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