What is Juneteenth?
Juneteenth is the oldest known U.S. celebration of the end of slavery, honoring African American freedom and achievement. The name stems from a blend of June and 19th, because that was the day in 1865 that General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and told slaves of their emancipation from slavery.
Did you know...

that ALL but four states celebrate Juneteenth as a holiday? These states include Hawaii, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Although the US Senate passed a resolution in 2018 to recognize "Juneteenth Independence Day," it has not yet been approved in the House.
Where To Learn More

- YouTube Video – Juneteenth: Freedom at Last
- YouTube Video – The History Behind Juneteenth and Why It Resonates Today
- Website – National Museum of African American History and Culture: "The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth"
- Website – juneteenth.com
Events to Attend (June 19th)

1. Juneteenth March NYC (New York City Hall, 2 pm – 5 pm)
2. Break the Chains with Love March (Brooklyn Bridge Park, 6 pm start time)
3. Black Souls Day Event (Prospect Park, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, meditation)
4. Juneteenth Central Park Protest (Central Park, 12 pm – 3 pm)