

# JUNETEENTH GUIDEBOOK

**FORT COLLINS  
2ND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**



**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**  
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WHAT IS

# JUNETEENTH?

Also called **Freedom Day**, Juneteenth commemorates the liberation of 250,000 enslaved black folks by federal troops in 1865.

Despite the Emancipation Proclamation putting an end to American slavery in 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865, that the enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, finally received the news they were free.

Following the Emancipation Proclamation, regions such as Texas continued the institution of slavery uninterrupted. Slave owners considered the state a safe haven for slavery, continuing the institution until U.S. General Gordon Granger delivered General Orders No. 3: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

Juneteenth is a day of liberation and joy. Communities across the country celebrate liberation and freedom with food, music, art, and being in community. The holiday serves as a reminder of the resilience and tenacity of our ancestors and honors their legacies.

The FoCo Juneteenth celebration is back for a 2nd year! We will be commemorating Juneteenth with a full schedule of activities including a teen night, health and wellness events, live music, workshops, and much more!

Keep reading for event details and more information!



## Teen Night

6PM

Teen Night (ages 12–17) is brought to you by teens in our community. Festivities include a headphone disco, painting, trivia, plenty of games, great food, a movie showing, and more! Don't miss out on the fun! Check out the flyer for the exact address.



## Opening Concert feat. The Reminders

7PM



Kicking off with an opening ceremony at 6PM followed by a performance by Colorado's own musical sensations, The Reminders.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and your friends to Foothills for performance like no other.

# SATURDAY--INDOORS



## Kid's Yoga

9:30AM | Stephanie Lewis

Get the kids relaxed and ready for a full day of Juneteenth celebrations. Join us at 9:30AM in the Juneteenth storefront for a children's yoga class. Available for ages 5-12. Registration is not required. Please wear appropriate footwear and comfy clothes.

## Soundbath

11:00AM | Stephanie Lewis

Part of liberation is clearing your mind and finding clarity. Join us at 11AM for a sound bath designed to do just that. This peaceful sound bath will have you feeling rested and rejuvenated to enjoy the weekend's festivities. Registration not required.



## Harmonica Workshop

12:30PM | Dan Treanor

Do you know how to play harmonica? Do you want to learn? Join teacher, Dan Treanor, for this children's harmonica workshop at 12:30PM in the Athletic Center. All ages are welcomed! No registration required.

## Banjo Lecture & Performance

1:30PM | Saja Butler

Saja Butler, a Fort Collins local, will be putting on a performance and lecture in the Athletic Center at 1:30PM. Learn about the banjo and listen to the soothing sounds while Saja delivers a stellar performance. Registration is not required.



## African Drum & Dance Collective Workshop

2:15PM

Falé means "bridge" in the Susu language of Guinea. Join us to get a taste of African culture in this interactive workshop presented by Falé in the Juneteenth storefront at 2:15PM. No registration required. All levels encouraged to attend.



## Breakdancing Exhibition

3:15PM

Breakdancing is one of the five elements of Hip-Hop and has grown to become an American cultural phenomenon.

Join FoCo Flava at 3:10 inside the mall as they demonstrate the various flavors of breakdancing.



# SATURDAY-OUTDOORS



## Poetic Flow Yoga

9:30AM | Black Yogis

Join us on the Foothills Mall lawn for an outdoor yoga session led by the black yogis. Start the morning rejuvenated and centered with this yoga session designed to be accessible for all bodies. Bring your own mat. Registration is not required.

## AfroBeats Dance Fitness

10:30AM | Tia Thompson

Get up and moving with this fitness class to the sounds of Afrobeats. Joined Tia Thompson of Toned by Tia in this dynamic dance class that is sure to have you smiling and sweating! No registration is required. Bring your own water bottles and wear breathable clothes.



## BIPOC Vendor Market

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Shop our vendor market featuring black and brown owned businesses and service providers. Support local businesses and learn more about Black and Brown businesses in the area that you may not yet know about! Don't forget your wallet!!

## Food Trucks

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Come hungry and support local food trucks adjacent to our vendor market. Featured trucks include Fork Yeah! and Las Catrinas.





## African Drum & Dance Collective

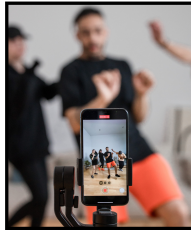
12:45PM | Falé

Join us on the Foothills Mall lawn for an exciting African Drum & Dance performance from Falé. Get a taste of African culture with this fun and energetic performance by dance group Falé.

## TikTok Dance Party

1:45PM

I'm a savage...for this TikTok dance party on the Foothills Mall lawn! Join us to learn and practice classic TikTok dance classes. This one isn't just for young folk. Older generations let's show them kids we still got it! No dance skills required.



## Boxing Exhibition

2:30PM | Joe Buckner

Joe Buckner walks us through the ins and outs of boxing basics in the boxing exhibition on the lawn at 2:30PM.

In Joe's words, "You might never punch someone but you will know how".

## Kid Astronaut

4:00PM

From the far reaches of outer space comes Kid Astronaut, a time and dimension traveling musician inspired by R&B, soul, hip-hop, and punk music here to deliver a musical experience that is out of this world.

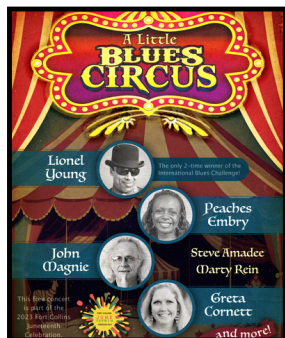




## Dancin in the Streets

5:30PM | Motown Review

Travel back in time with this homage to rock n' roll & soul music. Come out to the Foothills Mall lawn at 5:30pm for the sounds of the 50s, 60s, and 70s that'll bring you right back to the origins of rhythm, blues, and soul music!



## A Little Blues Circus

7:30PM

Round out Saturday's celebration with the sounds of A Little Blues Circus on the Foothills Mall lawn. Featuring award-winning performer Lionel Young & ensemble.



## Soca Fit Dance Class

10:30AM

Get your soca on this Sunday mornin'! Join us for a lively dance class to soca favorites at the CSU lagoon. Soca Fit is a calorie burning, waistline moving, body toning Caribbean dance fitness class that's guaranteed to get you sweating until you're feeling good!

## MoWell Dance Class

1:00PM

Join us for a fitness dance class to your favorite Motown classics. Get your dance on and break a sweat while you bust a move to the sounds of Motown favorites. Registration is not required and all ages and levels are encouraged to join.



## Dad Joke Open Mic

2:00PM

Got dad jokes? We want to hear them - the cornier the better! Come to our "Dad Joke" open mic competition with your best bad dad jokes and let the crowd decide if you've got the best dad knee slapper in northern Colorado.

## Tarell Martin and the Colorado Mass Choir

3:00PM

Ain't no better way to celebrate liberation than with the sounds of Tarell Martin and the Colorado Mass Choir. Join us for a gospel performance and round out the weekend in praise and celebration!



## Juneteenth 5K Fun Run

7:00AM to register  
8:30AM to run

Lace up your sneakers and kick-off the day with our Juneteenth fun run. The 5K will follow the CSU loop and begins at the CSU courts. Register required. Register on [focojuneteenth.com](http://focojuneteenth.com)



## 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

10:00AM

The 3-on-3 tournament will have 3 divisions: middle school, high school, and adult featuring a paid referee. There will be a cash prize for the winning team of each division. Bring your best teammates and your A game!





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