Children's Defense Fund

Freedom Riders Instructions for Hosting a Watch Party

Thank you for hosting a Watch Party to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Freedom Rides!

How to Watch the Special Event: Join us on Monday, May 16th beginning at 8:30 p.m. EDT to get inspired by a call to action from CDF President Marian Wright Edelman and by the words and music of Freedom Riders and Freedom Singers.

You will need a computer and a high-speed internet hookup to stream the event live.

The event will be available for streaming on our Web site at www.childrensdefense.org/freedomriders

In order to accommodate a large crowd, you should plan on having a projector that can project directly from your computer to a desired screen as well as an adequate sound system hook-up. Be sure to test both the projector and the sound system prior to your guest's arrival.

You can also feed the stream through your television. In case the methods of connection will vary depending on their computer and the computer's video card and the television they own.

If it is only you and your family watching the program, viewing the film directly from your laptop or computer should work just fine.

Tune in to Watch the Broadcast: At around 8:55 p.m. EDT, we will break from our special program so that you can begin at home to prepare to watch the world premier of the "Freedom Riders" on PBS.

In order to watch the program you will need a television with access to your local PBS station.

If you are using a projector to stream the special event and you are having a computer feed going to the projector, you will need to switch the input to whatever input is supported by your television in order to project the program onto the big screen. You need not worry about this if you are streaming the special event directly onto your television, simply disconnect the feed and tune into PBS.

Join in a Question and Answer Session Following the Program: After the Freedom Riders, log back into your computer and join us for a question and answer session moderated by Marian Wright Edelman with some of the original Freedom Riders.

The question and answer session will begin at 11:00 p.m. EDT and will be available for streaming on our Web site at www.childrensdefense.org/freedomriders.

Be sure to switch back the input and output cables with your projector and television the same way you did earlier, in order to project the event onto the large screen.

Watch Party hosts can submit questions on behalf of their Watch Party by email to Scott Jacobsen at sjacobsen@childrensdefense.org. Be sure to say which party you are with and where you are located. Participants of your Watch Party can follow the discussion and ask questions through our Twitter account @ChildDefender using the hashtag #FREEDOMRIDERS.

If you have any questions on setting up your Watch Party prior to the event, please do not hesitate to contact us at cdfweb@childrensdefense.org