

Historic **SELMA** Pilgrimage 2018 JUNIOR HOSTESS INFO

Thank you for your interest in volunteering to help make our Annual Historic Pilgrimage the best one yet! All selected Junior Hostesses will be ambassadors of SELMA and it is a huge responsibility and honor! Only the top candidates will be chosen, and we hope that you will live up to our high expectations.

Selma is known for its History and Hospitality. No other event captures both qualities like Selma's Historic Pilgrimage. The community enjoys showing both off to our pilgrims/visitors so that they have a most enjoyable and interesting visit. Pilgrimage hostesses play a very important role in this endeavor.

Pilgrimage will be Friday and Saturday, March 16 & 17 in homes and museums. Some hostesses will have speaking parts, while others will greet guests and help them up the stairs and still others might be walking around the grounds/yard posing for photos with tourists. No matter what their role, it is an important one!

Besides working that weekend, we will also schedule visits to area nursing homes and senior living facilities. We will discuss this further at the Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 20.

We always require our hosts/hostesses to dress in "period" attire. This year we have a few periods represented in our homes. Mainly from the 1840s to 1910s, our homes span Antebellum, Victorian and Greek Revival styles this year.

Items to Consider:

- You are playing a part in a scene that people have traveled to see.
- We often take for granted the historic buildings we have here in Selma; however, many people want the Pilgrimage experience to take them back to another time and place. Your job is to extend your social graces by smiling, using your Southern Charm and often posing for pictures.
- If you are asked questions that you cannot answer, you will be responsible to escort the person to the house chairperson so that they can be accommodated and do so with a smile. Selected hostesses will be given material that gives you some background information on Historic Selma. You must become familiar with the information to better prepare you for possible general questions.
- ALWAYS greet our visitors as they pass; you may even curtsy and smile. Sounds simple and may be over the top...but people love this and it may be your simple act that they remember MOST about their visit to Selma.

Applications are due by Wednesday, February 14—no exceptions. The 2018 Hostesses will be announced by **Sunday, Feb. 18**, on the SelmaPilgrimage.com website and Facebook page. There will be a **mandatory meeting** for all hostesses on **Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 pm** (location to be determined). Parents are encouraged to also attend. A make-up meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 24, at 2:00 pm**, if necessary. A group photo shoot will be held on **Thursday, March 1, at 4:00 pm** at a place to be determined. Hostesses must be in period dress and on time. This photo will be used in the *Selma Times-Journal*, Facebook, Website, etc.

You must complete and submit your application by 3:30 pm on **Wednesday, February 14**. Send any questions to hostesses@selmapilgrimage.com.

