

Taking advantage of the recent heatwave that has captured the attention (and air conditioners) of Birmingham and the state of Alabama, the [Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#) (BCRI) is joining forces with the Coca Cola Bottling Company to open the doors of the internationally recognized (and [newest Smithsonian affiliate](#)) to the public free of charge this Saturday & Sunday (8.18 & 8.19).

Visitors to the facility will receive a free bottle of water as they enter. [Check out BCRI's website for more information.](#)