



LITTLE FRIENDS FOR PEACE

2017

PEACE IN MYSELF
PEACE IN THE WORLD

35th Summer of Peace Camps

Disarming Violence with Empathy & Tools for Peace



LFFP: Our Mission

Little Friends for Peace is a non-profit organization that empowers children and adults to *build relationships* through empathy and to *solve struggles nonviolently* through compassion and nonviolent communication.

The Peace Camp Story

In 1980, MJ's father asked her and Jerry:
**'I know you are against violence,
but what are you for?'**



They realized then that to feel secure without weapons people need proven strategies to prevent and resolve conflicts.

They started with an intergenerational Peace Camp that provides both staff and campers an **experience** of peace within which to **learn** and **practice** peace skills.



This model has impacted the lives of *over 13,000* campers and counselors since 1981.



The teaching tools and methods they developed with all ages through these 35 years are described in this colorful book.

104 pages \$25

Summer 2017 Peace Camp

Our theme is *Peace In Myself, Peace In The World.*

At Peace Camp
youth discover that peace begins with them!

Campers cooperate in games and projects,
learn to deal with their conflicts in a
peaceful manner and come up with
their own creative solutions to the
problems they see at camp, at home,
at school, and in the world.



We start and end each day with a
Large Group Interactive Presentation
about the day's theme:

- **How I Experience Peace**
- **How Heroes Create Peace**
- **How Peacemakers Resolve Conflict**
- **How to make a Peace Impact in my community**

Large Group is also a time for campers to show
their talents and experiments with peace.

The rest of the day, campers rotate between activities such as:



- Art • Dance
- Storytelling
- Sharing Circle
- Guest Presentations
- Win-Win Games
 - Drumming
- & Much More!

Peace Camp Schedule

June 5-9 Fee: \$250
9 am – 4 pm (Lunch Not included)
Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum
9 West Cork, Winchester, VA 22601 (540) 722-2020
Register at www.discoverymuseum.net
Week Theme: **Play for Peace**

June 12-16 Fee: \$225
9 am – 3 pm (Lunch Not included)
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Jennifer Enriquez jennifer.holt.enriquez@gmail.com
545 S East Ave, Oak Park, IL 60304
Week Theme: **Rainbow of Peace**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness,
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that."
-Martin Luther King*

June 26-30 Fee: \$295
July 3-7 (No camp July 4) 245

9 am - 3 pm (Lunch included)
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA
Week 1 Theme: **Peace Begins with Me**
Week 2 Theme: **Peacemakers in Action**
Before & After Care Available

July 17-21 Fee: \$195
9 am – 3 pm (Lunch Not included)
First Presbyterian Church [616-392-9022](tel:616-392-9022)
Rev. Scott Vanderwahl www.fpcholland.org
659 State St., Holland, MI 49423
Week Theme: **Planting Seeds of Peace**

July 24-28 Fee: \$195
9 am – 1:30 pm (Simple lunch included)
American Legion Hall
3608 Legion Dr., Cheverly, MD
Week Theme: **Peace Explorers**
No aftercare, but baby sitter available

July 31-August 4 Fee: TBD
9 am - 3 pm (Lunch included)
Saint Camillus Church
1600 St Camillus Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20903
Week Theme: **Land of Many Colors**

August 14-18 Fee: \$245
9 am - 3 pm (Lunch Not included)
Mt. Rainier Christian Church
3803 33rd St., Mt Rainier, MD 20712
Week Theme: **Care for Creation**

August 21-25 Fee: \$245
9 am - 3 pm (Lunch Not included)
Christ Congregational Church
9525 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD
Week Theme: **Peace Creators**

Register at
www.LFFP.org



June 26 – August 4
Not open to public
8:30 am – 3 pm (Breakfast & Lunch included)
Perry School Community Center
128 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20001

Camper Levels

Basic: Ages 4-9

Campers are assigned by age to a team of eight to twelve children.

Teams rotate through activities that give them the opportunity to apply the peacebuilding and conflict resolution skills they are learning.

Campers identify what brings them peace and what 'breaks' their peace and how to share this in a respectful way.

a On Fridays family and friends are invited to see a showcase, celebrating all that the campers have achieved during the week.

Junior Counselor in Training: Ages 10-11

JCITs form their own team and follow a similar schedule to campers.

They participate in Large Group and rotate through all the designated activities. In addition, they will spend more time on in-depth peace exploration and community based projects.

If they choose, JCITs also have the opportunity to be peace leaders at camp by helping younger children with activities and learning new skills that will help them if they go on to become a CIT.

Our CIT Program

Ages: 12-14

Our counselor-in-training program is an opportunity for older campers to continue their peace education and begin the transition into being a Counselor.

Each CIT is assigned to a camper team or activity station and works alongside experienced counselors, helping one on one as well as leading small subgroups of two to three campers.

These activities will take approximately 20 hours each camp week, for which they can receive student service learning hours.

They also meet as a group to build leadership skills through self-empowerment exercises, training, and reflection.



*"If we have no peace,
it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other."*

~ Mother Teresa

Donate:

Make a Camp Dream Come True

Help us to make Peace Camp available to anyone and everyone. Donate to our scholarship fund.

\$250 sponsors a child to most of our camps. Our partner low-income housing centers, a torture survivor group and other families will delight in your help to send their children this year!



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Apply for a **Scholarship** or

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at www.LFFP.org

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