

Why:

You may be wondering what Camp Democracy and the Declaration of Peace are all about. Here's the official statements from the site which sum it up well:

The idea of camping in Washington this September and demanding fundamental change came from a variety of grassroots sources, including a discussion on a listserv run by United for Peace and Justice. Camp Democracy aims to bring together peace and justice movements to find strength in numbers and cross-fertilization. Those attending the camp will learn about a variety of issues and acquire skills in communications, organizing, nonviolence, and lobbying. CAMPDEMOCRACY.ORG

The Declaration of Peace is a nationwide campaign to establish by September 21, 2006 a concrete and rapid plan for peace in Iraq, including: a prompt timetable for withdrawal of troops and closure of bases, a peace process for security, reconstruction, and reconciliation, and the shift of funding for war to meeting human needs.

If this plan for peace is not created and activated by Congress by September 21, the International Day of Peace, Declaration signers across the U.S. will engage in nonviolent action in Washington, D.C. and in communities throughout the nation. DECLARATIONOFPEACE.ORG

For almost a month, there will be activists of all sorts gathering and collaborating to effect more change. The organizers have done a great job in their work, but they are crucially in need of one thing: STUDENTS! We are an important part of the movement for peace and justice and should capitalize on this opportunity to promote the notion of networking and cooperation in the interest of peace and justice. There are plenty of things we can do and we encourage everyone to spread the word, this action kit, and ultimately work to participate in this huge month of activism.

Keep in mind that Camp Democracy will be holding 4 theme tents: Peace and Justice, Human Rights, Health and Education, and Media. These are 4 outlets for specializing in the various aspects of the movement. If you have any concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact anyone, especially the student committee, on the contact page.

Peace! (Randy Wilson: Student Peace Action Network; Christian Melendez: University of Maryland)

Contact for more info:

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Declaration of Peace:

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Week of Action Planning, Danny Malec: dm@globalcalliraq.org

Nonviolence trainings, Liz Walz: trainers@declarationofpeace.org

Declaration Speakers Bureau, Cynthia Okayama Dopke:

info@declarationofpeace.org

Camp Democracy:

Information: <http://campdemocracy.org/node/4>

For info on transportation, see: (should be a page on DoP/CD sites, not just in action kit)

For info on housing, check out (again, should be on pages on CD/DoP sites)

What You Can Do ...

Find partner organizations, groups and individuals in your community involved with the Declaration of Peace and Camp Democracy:

- Find pledge signers in your town, state, zip code or Congressional District. Contact info@declarationofpeace.org for more info.
- Find other local organizers in your town and state at <http://declarationofpeace.org/find-local-declaration-of-peace-groups>
- View the list of endorsing organizations across the country at <http://declarationofpeace.org/endorsements> and www.campdemocracy.org
- Search the United For Peace and Justice Directory of member organizations in your area at <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?list=type&type=27>

Spread the word!!!

- Send this Kit to other youth organizations and individuals
- Flyering

-DoP: www.declarationofpeace.org

*Located on right column are printable brochures and flyers, as well as a banner to put on your website

-CD: Printable Flyer @

<http://www.campdemocracy.org/sites/campdemocracy.org/files/downloads/flyer.pdf>

**And here are two excellent online student organizing handbooks:

Protest.net http://protest.net/activists_handbook/

US PIRG: <http://www.studentpirgs.org/toolkit.asp?id2=25200>

@ Camp Democracy/Declaration of Peace

Hold Your Own Workshops, Panels, Performances, and Displays:

Immigrants Rights

To get involved, contact [Vicenta Montoya](mailto:Vicenta.Montoya), and put "Camp Democracy" in the subject line.

Peace Workshops and Impeachment

To get involved, contact [David Swanson](mailto:David.Swanson), and put "Camp Democracy" in the subject line.

Women for Peace

To get involved, contact [Melody Drnach](mailto:Melody.Drnach), and put "Camp Democracy" in the subject line.

Election Reform

To get involved, contact [George Ripley](mailto:George.Ripley), and put "Camp Democracy" in the subject line.

Help Setup the Concert and Music:

Jay Kohn, [contact](#)

Films:

Pat Elder, [contact](#)

Nonviolence:

Camp Democracy will not organize civil disobedience, but does plan to include nonviolence trainings. These trainings are designed for general use that may be useful to those who decide to engage in civil disobedience outside of Camp Democracy. An example of possible nonviolent civil disobedience is that planned by the [Declaration of Peace](#) between Sept. 21 and 28.

For those interested in direct action, or similar actions with less of a chance of arrest, communicate with local activists with direct action experience to discuss the process. You can also connect with a nonviolence training or trainer in your area, contact trainers@declarationofpeace.org.

Trainers:

Michael Beer, Nonviolence International
Ken Butigan, Pace e Bene
Nadine Bloch, Mobilization for Global Justice
Gordon Clark, National Campaign of Nonviolent Resistance
Tom Hastings, Portland Catholic Worker
Judith Kelly, Pax Christi
Sunny Miller, Traprock Peace Center
Mubarak AlWad, Nonviolence International
Liz Walz, Pace e Bene
Art Laffin, Washington Catholic Worker

Inquire about our nonviolence training, volunteer to help with it, or sign up to receive it <http://campdemocracy.org/nonviolence>

Lobbying:

Camp Democracy will include workshops and trainings on a variety of issues. One small part of Camp Democracy will be lobby training and lobbying. We will focus on a single piece of legislation - an approach that has proven most effective in the past. Congressman Jim McGovern's [bill to cut off funding for the war](#) unites the various constituencies of Camp Democracy, because we all understand that nothing worthwhile can be properly funded while we are spending so much money on war. Inquire <http://campdemocracy.org/lobby> about lobbying training or volunteer to assist :

Sponsorship:

<http://campdemocracy.org/sponsor>

@ Campus/Local Community:

- Can't come all the way to DC for Camp Democracy? Connect with other groups on your campus and in your local community for a workshop or panel addressing any of the issues discussed at Camp Democracy.
- Schedule a visit with your Congressional Representative to talk about the war, get a group of friends/activists to join you for the visit. During the meeting, ask her or him to sign the

Congressional Pledge.

- Talk to people who have lobbied before to know what to expect, check out the [DoP how-to on contacting your legislators](#). For more talking points and to see where your Rep stands on the war already at UFPJ's [Legislative Action page](#).
- After the meeting, develop a strategy for working with your member of Congress, or a plan to try and move them on the issue of the war through letters, calls, emails and more visits.
- Work with other local organizers/campuses to invite members of Congress to a town hall meeting on the war, to hear their side and share yours while pushing them to sign the [Declaration of Peace Congressional Pledge](#) (if they haven't already) and making a public commitment to end this war quickly and responsibly!
- Invite members of local orgs working on the DoP to come speak with your group on what they're already doing and strategize to work together
- Hold call-in days on your campus to demand your member of Congress act to end the war, have people donate their cell phones to the event or use their own
- Host rallies, panels and forums on the war with local/campus activists and experts to educate others and stimulate discussion. Invite local media; check out [DoP's media resource page](#) for help. At all your events, have paper and pens for people to write a letter to senators and reps for the school, then fax these to their DC offices or hand deliver them to their in-district offices.
- Schedule a nonviolence training in your community to prepare for September nonviolent actions.
 - Check the training calendar for trainings in your area.(to be posted online soon!)
 - Submit a request for nonviolence training at trainers@declarationofpeace.org
 - Are you a trainer? Sign up for the training network at <http://declarationofpeace.org/survey>