

CHILDREN'S PEACE CENTER EXPENSES AND SUGGESTED AGENDAS
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The Children's PEACE Center attempts to keep expenses at a minimum so more people can experience the fun of learning peacemaking skills with the outreach programs. Visits to the Children's PEACE Center admission is \$5.00 a person, three and under are free. However, because experienced retired volunteers staff the Peace Center, traveling expenses must be collected. They are calculated as indicated below. A small fee is charged for each participant and donations are accepted at each Site Visit to help defray operational costs, pay for supplies used, and maintain exhibits. A "Site Visit Agreement" must be filled out and returned to confirm any site visits.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

MILEAGE is estimated to be 50 cents a mile calculated from the home base of Acworth, Georgia to the location of the site visit and figured for a round trip by actual mileage or "Map-Quest" on the Internet.

If the travel includes OVERNIGHT STAYS, we request the hotel expenses for the "Road Crew". (Normally 4 adults staying in the same room). This will be figured roundtrip with average hotel prices of \$70 a night.

MEAL/FOOD expenses for Road Crew if over 4 hours or overnight stays are included would be roundtrip and figured at actual costs (average \$7 a meal per person for three meals a day).

OTHER EXPENSES would be paper costs for additional copies of any material that is provided, such as Conflict Resolution information, Startup information, and extra worksheets if needed. (Normally 5 cents a copy unless you have access to your own copy machine.)

Craft and paper supplies are estimated at a minimum of \$2.00 per child/adult which is included in the \$5.00 admission. Donations are also accepted to help cover supplies, and maintenance expenses.

ON SITE EXPENSES

While at the location, we request a place to sleep, shower, meals and an opportunity to do laundry if needed. These can be provided at a hotel, church, camp, or in a private home. There will normally be 3-4 adults to accommodate. They can stay in the same room or in different quarters, as need warrants.

There will need to be adequate outside space to park a 7'x12' Trailer and a large Van for the duration of the site visit. The location needs to have easy access to unload/load trailer.

NORMAL AGENDA (CAMPS, REUNIONS, VBS – 5 DAY ACTIVITIES)

(See the "School Specific Information Sheet" for more details just for Schools)

Location for the site visit needs to be indoors, secured area with easy access, multiple power outlets (for computers). Ideally in one room but it can be set up in multiple rooms. It normally takes a minimum of 2000 square feet of space up to 5000 square feet to set up the entire project. However, it does not need this much room if only one section a day is used for a 4-5 day schedule.

Arrival date or day after-unpack and set up

Four or more volunteers will need to be available-it normally takes 3-5 hours to set up the entire program and exhibits.

Training Time for Volunteers – Need one-two hours of training for all volunteers that will be working in the Peace Center as Peace Guides. This will need to be scheduled prior to the first day of the program. If there will be different volunteers each day, they will each need to schedule time for training. Required is one adult volunteer (18yrs and older) per every four children. Volunteer Peace Guides are provided by the person/group requesting the Site Visit. It is the responsibility of the requesting group to assure the safety of the children. (All Peace Center Peace Guides are authorized "Registered Youth Workers" that have undergone police/safety background checks for the protection of the children.)

First day of program – Be ME (emotions, feelings, self esteem, uniqueness)
Second day – Be a Community (conflict resolution, teamwork, communication)
Third day – Be Global (diversity, languages, community)
Fourth day – Be Earth-wise (ecology, stewardship, world respect)
Fifth day – Optional Recycle Craft Day for children or OPEN HOUSE for Everyone

The Peace Center has four sections, so works well to have one section each day for four days. Suggested class timeframes would be 45 minutes (per age group) depending on the number of children involved. There could be two or more sessions 5-15 minutes apart (usually in the mornings) with 10-16 children in each session. You will need at least one adult (or Sr Hi) volunteer (Peace Guide) for every four children. In some cases for children with special needs you may need one adult per child (4-5 Adults). The class timeframes and schedule are only suggestions and can be very flexible. The Peace Center “themes” can usually be adjusted to fit your own personal themes if provided ahead of the scheduled date. Plan into the schedule a 5-10 minute talk/introduction to each group prior to breaking into teams with their Peace Guide.

It works best if children are in comparable age groups such as Kindergarten, Primary, Junior or by grade level. However, the ages could be mixed if the Peace Guide feels they can handle the age differences, and more time is allotted for each group.

It is highly recommended that an Open House of some sort be planned for every site visit. It is normally held at the close of your activity after the children have been through all of the sections of the Peace Center. An Open House is where the children become the Peace Guides and “teach” the Adults what they learned and how to perform the activities. It is an excellent, fun, learning time for both adults and children.

OTHER SCHEDULES (1 Day or 2 Day Activities)

For a One-Day Activity, it is suggested that the entire Peace Center be set up in one area. This can be set up as a “Festival” or a “Presentation”. For a One-Day Activity the timeframe should be increased to at least two hours. It can be done in one hour but the children will not be able to complete all exhibits.

Festival...A Peace Guide is assigned to each learning station (exhibit) and children go through as they want to as a family or with friends. This requires a few extra Guides to assist.

Presentation...Children are grouped into teams of 4 with a Peace Guide per team. The Peace Guide takes the children to each exhibit.

For a Two-Day Activity, it is suggested that the first two sections (Be ME and Be a Community) be used on Day One, then the next two sections (Be Global and Be Earthwise) be used on Day Two. Timeframes need to be at least one full hour per day to be effective.

It must be noted that it does take five hours to set the entire Peace Center up, so it is not practical for a one day event unless a smaller program is used or setup can be done the day before the activity.

OTHER OPTIONS

A trainer can be available to talk to adults about building a similar peace program, implementing the peace concepts into an existing organization, club or afterschool program or starting their own peace club.

A “conflict resolution class” or “listening skills class” can be provided for Youth and/or Adults or used as part of an Intergenerational worship service or secular activity.

The Children’s PEACE Center can make recommendations for resources to assist parents, teachers, and leaders in developing peace centers or various peace activities and programs in their local area. The Children’s PEACE Center has various age appropriate programs for shorter timeframes and settings.

Puppet shows can be provided during the time if scheduled ahead.

Any questions feel free to contact us at 770-917-8815 or email info@childrenspeacecenter.org. To learn more about various programs and opportunities, please visit our website www.childrenspeacecenter.org