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2010 West Regional Peace Corps Campout

August 12-16 Crane Prairie Campground Central Oregon

Hosted this year by the
Columbia River Peace Corps Association
(Portland, Oregon Area)

Campout Information

<http://www.crpga.org/regional.html>

The Columbia River PCA link has a history of past regional Peace Corps campouts, going back to 1991.

Schedule: Arrive as early as Thursday afternoon, depart as late as Monday morning. That's right: one to four nights for one low price!

Saturday Dinner: Will be at 6pm on August 14, hosted by CRPCA and included in the camp fees. CRPCA members will be expected to help shop for, set up, prepare, serve, or take down the dinner. The menu is TBA, but we promise to have great options for a large number of dietary concerns (many of our members avoid gluten, meat, nuts, etc).

Our Campground: On Crane Prairie Reservoir, in the Deschutes National Forest, approximately 18 miles from Sunriver. Amenities include: Boat Ramp, Disabled Access, Fishing, Grocery Store, Lake Access, Pets OK, Restrooms, Shower. No RV hookups. We reserved a group site which holds 150 people (45 vehicles).

Reservations: You may reserve space for you, your friends, and family on our web page (see above). The following page will give you the option to pay by credit card or any other PayPal method. You may also RSVP to Karen Cellarius (campout@crpga.org, 503-998-5572), then pay by cash or check upon arrival. These rates apply to the entire weekend, whether you're staying one, two, three, or four nights.

- \$10 for CRPCA member adults (up to 2 per household membership, must be willing to help with Saturday dinner)
- \$15 for non-member adults
- FREE for children under 18

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Regional Campout Continued ...

Directions:

From Bend, travel south on US 97 approximately 17 miles. Turn right onto Vandervert Rd approximately 2.5 miles past the first Sunriver exit. Travel one mile west, then take the third right onto S Century Dr, which turns right onto County Hwy 42 after one mile. Travel 11 miles on S Century Dr before making a right onto National Forest Rd 4250. Take Rd 4250 1.5 miles, then make a left onto National Forest Rd 4270. The campground is 1.5 miles down on the right.

What to Bring:

Camp equipment: Tents, sleeping pads/bags, stove, lights, chairs, and a camp canopy if you have one.
Camp supplies: Sunscreen, chairs, plates, cups, utensils, and maybe logs for the fire.

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FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK PEACE CORPS ARTIFACTS EXHIBITS

Inland Northwest RPCVs, the time is now to begin sorting the many artifacts from your travels and Peace Corps experiences.

Using the **Express Employment Pro office/lobby space at 331 West Main Street** as a part of the First Friday Art Walk in Spokane, the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association will present a series of exhibits from our collected artifacts to celebrate the rich histories, art and culture of the various countries in which we served. As we work to fulfill the Third Goal of our Peace Corps experience, the success of this exhibit is dependent upon the selected artifacts you choose to loan for this purpose.

The first presentation opens First Friday September 3. We are soliciting content from Africa for this exhibit that will display until October 31. Then, the second exhibit will open on First Friday, November 5 focusing on content from EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Eurasia and the 'stans.). This exhibit will display until the end of December.

In 2011, the exhibits will focus on the Americas followed by the Asian Pacific region.

Interesting exhibit items can include framed pictures (no smaller than 8 by 10), clothing (traditional dress or ceremonial costumes), and the "stuff" we all seem to have: baskets, batiks, carvings, religious artifacts, original artwork and so forth. Books may also be of interest to our audience.

Do not limit your potential items to just those items collected from the countries in which you served, but if you have traveled to other parts of the world where Peace Corps Volunteers have served, then items collected from these travels are also of interest.

The Details: For the African exhibit, we need all items delivered to the Express Pro office no later than Friday, August 27, close of business. Please identify the item so that it can be returned to you after the exhibit. Please provide a short description/story of the item. We intend to publish a program guide identifying the items being exhibited and your personal description will help us put this guide together. We ask you to be available for the First Friday opening night to share your experience with attendees in an informal format. The exhibit will then be available to the public during Express Employment Pro's normal business hours for the following two months.

Items for the EMEA exhibit are needed by close of business, October 15, 2010, with the same guide lines as those for the African exhibit.

A question has been raised if any of the items on display can be offered for sale. We do not have a vendor's license to sell merchandise; we do not want a vendor's license, we do not want to collect sales tax or complete paperwork and so forth. We do not want to compete with any local merchants. However, if you have an item that you are no longer interested in owning, you may make a notation on the item that it is available from you (the owner) for a suggested donation of X amount and for the interested party to contact you directly. We ask you to

leave the item on display until the close of the exhibit and perhaps you would like to donate a portion of any moneys you receive to the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association. There will be 2011 World Calendars available for a suggested donation to the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association.

The purpose of this exhibit is to continue to raise awareness of the international community of which we are a part.

As an aside, but perhaps worth mentioning, Express Employment Pro has been hosting artists' exhibits for a number of years. The building is alarmed with a security system. To date, there have not been any problems with theft. The exhibit is open when Express Employment Pro is open for business (daily Monday through Friday) so someone is always present in the building when the exhibit is available.

For any questions or for additional information, please contact Kay Dixon (Colombia) at skyway_33@yahoo.com or telephone 509 868 0302 or Tana Dugan (Turkey, Nepal) at tanadugan@hotmail.com.

Preparing your items for the Exhibit

To help with the success of the forthcoming art exhibit, as the owner of the art work, you must tell us (and the audience) something about the item. Depending upon the item, it may need just a simple description, or a more complex piece will require a bit more!

At the very least, please indicate the country of origin, what the item is and perhaps one line of description.

For example:

Niger: Model cars

Cars crafted from used tin cans

Uganda: Creche

Made from corn husks by a Methodist church in Kampala

Simple Template

The suggested template for simple items:

Country of origin: Name of Item

Short description of item.

For more elaborate descriptions (you be the judge!)

If the interesting features are not so apparent, then please elaborate a bit. For example:

Tuareg Jewelry

The Southern Cross. The Southern Cross from Agades or Iferan was originally worn only by men who transferred it from father to son at puberty. It hints to the virility and strength of the young men in relation to their traditional nomad lifestyle. Traditionally a father would transmit the cross to his son saying, "Son, I give you the four

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directions, as no one knows where your path will end...

Tuareg women have a superstitious fear of gold and will not wear it. Silver has taken its place and is part of every Tuareg family estate. It has both symbolic and real value, serving also as savings and for (foreign) exchange.

Format

Print the description on a note card or heavy paper to attach to the art work on its front side. Please use legible handwriting or a computer so that viewers can read your notations easily (some of us will be using our reading glasses to assist!).

Identify item's owner

On the back of the item, remember to provide your name and contact information so that the items can be retrieved by their rightful owners.

Any questions, contact Kay Dixon or Tana Dugan. We look forward to learning about and presenting the many wonderful items we all have collected.

- ⇒ INPCA's goal is to provide information about programs and events of interest to all RPCV's (and prospective PCV's) in the region, whether or not they can be active, or contribute.
- ⇒ We rely primarily on e-mail, electronic editions of the newsletter (Adobe PDF document) and our web site (<http://inpcanet.net>) to accomplish this.
- ⇒ Print materials (newsletter, post cards) can be postal mailed to those without e-mail access, or who prefer.
- ⇒ **If you received this issue by postal mail (and hadn't requested that), it means we don't have a valid e-mail address for you.**
- ⇒ Please contact Bob Hager RNHager@comcast.net to be added to the e-mail contact list (and please include your country and years of service).
- ⇒ Check the web site **inpcanet.net** (NO www) for the latest listing of events.

INPCA will be selling the **Returned Peace Corps Volunteer International Calendar** again. The 2011 edition celebrates 50 years of Peace Corps Service and the countries that have hosted us. Photos this year are from the first 13 countries to host volunteers: Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Chile, Thailand, Philippines, Tanzania, Malaysia, India, Colombia, Ghana, Pakistan and Brazil. The calendar commemorates important Peace Corps dates as well as the (un)usual celebrations and holidays.

The colorful calendars are \$10.00 (\$12.00 if mailed). 100% of the net proceeds will be donated to projects within our community and around the world.

Please contact Treasurer Martha Haynes mhaynes46@msn.com if you would like to purchase calendars to sell or donate. They make great gifts!



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Make check to INPCA (with Contribution on the memo line) and mail to:
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Peace Corps Official Page	www.peacecorps.gov
AmeriCorps*VISTA	www.americorps.org
National Peace Corps Association	www.rpcv.org
Peace Corps Online	www.peacecorpsonline.org
Peace Corps Worldwide	www.peacecorpsworldwide.org
Peace Corps Wiki	www.peacecorpswiki.com/Peace_Corps_Wiki

REGIONAL GROUPS

Inland Northwest	http://inpca.net (no www)
SEAPAX (Seattle)	www.seapax.org
Columbia River (Portland)	www.crpga.org
West Cascade (Eugene)	www.westcascadepca.org

Earlier this year ...

Many INPCA members helped with the KSPS Public Television March Telephone, as they have since 2001!

The Spokane area RPVC's hosted a send off pot luck for new PCV's nominees from the area last April.

Mike and Lynn Noel (Kenya 1975-1978) again hosted the Summer Pot Luck.

Coming up ...

First Friday **August 6th** will be pot luck, 6:00 PM at the home of Kay and Kevin Dixon (868 0302) 619 E. Martingale Ct., Spokane 99224 (take I95 to Meadow Lane Rd.)

First Fridays (**Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3**) will be at Express Personnel at 5:30 P.M. (Please see the *Art Walk—Peace Corps Artifacts Exhibits* article on Page two).

Fall Folk Festival, **November 20-21** at Spokane Community College. We have three shifts on Saturday, and two on Sunday. If you would like to work at our table, contact Vickie Scott-Woodley: woodley@comcast.net.

The traditional annual INPCA Holiday pot luck will be scheduled for a convenient weekend in November or December. Be sure you are signed up for the INPCA e-mail list to stay informed.

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INPCA Financial Report

January – December
(Revised 2/5/10)

	2009	2008
Opening Bank Balance	\$1,152.85	\$581.82
Income		
Local contribution	300.00	270.00
National contribution	175.00	140.00
Calendar sales	410.00	1,110.50
Other fundraising	269.00	524.00
Donations	40.46	43.10
Savings/ Dividend	26.62	26.53
Total Income	\$1,221.08	\$2,114.13
Expenses		
Misc. Office supplies		7.20
Fundraising Calendars, Camp Out, T-Shirts	215.00	1,099.97
Newletters		124.40
Folk Festival Registration	25.00	25.00
3 rd Party Donations	603.70	130.00
NPCA Affiliation	25.00	25.00
transfer of contribution to NPCA	175.00	105.00
Regional Affiliation	19.00	
Total Expenses	\$1,062.70	\$1,516.57
Closing balance	\$1,459.61	\$1,179.38

January – June, 2010

Opening Checking Balance		\$1459.61
Income		
Calendar Sales		
NPCA Rebate	45.00	
Donations	26.64	
Local Contribution		
Interest	00.05	
Total		\$71.69
Expenses		
NPCA Reaffiliation	25.00	
3 rd Party Donations	175.00	
Fall Folk Festival Registration	25.00	
Total		\$225.00
Closing Checking Balance		\$1,306.30

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All RPCV's in our region are welcome to participate in any of our events. We encourage those who are able to make an annual **Membership Contribution** (formerly known as "dues") by April 1, every year (suggest \$15.00 per person). INPCA did not have a print newsletter last Spring. If you did not send a contribution on April 1 for 2010, please consider sending one now to **INPCA at PO Box 9203, Spokane, WA 99209** (please note that this is a **new** postal address for INPCA). You may use the form at the bottom of page 3 of the newsletter. INPCA is a non-profit membership organization, but contributions to it are not tax deductible.

For those who want to belong to both the National Peace Corps Association and the Inland Northwest Peace Corps Association Regional Group (which could be your affiliate group through NPCA), are asked to do so by one of two ways:

- (1) Send \$50.00 to INPCA (combined dues of \$35.00 for NPCA & suggested \$15.00 for INPCA). You will be a contributing member of INPCA and INPCA will send \$35.00 to NPCA to establish or renew your NPCA membership.
- (2) Send your INPCA membership contribution (suggested \$15.00 per person per year) directly to INPCA, and join or renew your membership with NPCA (\$35.00) separately.

This arrangement is simpler, easier, and less confusing for the volunteer treasurers of the affiliate and regional RPCV groups then if you renew both memberships through the national organization.

Please contact INPCA Treasurer Martha Haynes mhaynes46@msn.com with any questions. Thank you!

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Peace Corps information and recruitment events.



*Peace Corps
50th.
Anniversary*

An Example of Organizations Supported by INPCA

Sue Bracken (Niger 1964—1966) sbrckn@comcast.net

Over the years INPCA has donated funds and goods and hours to various local and faraway organizations. This is a revisit of a local branch of World Relief. The following information was sent to me by Mark Kadel, the new director of the Spokane office of World Relief, when Linda Unseth retired on May 31, after 21 years of service to the Spokane community.

According to Mark, the Spokane organization is receiving refugees from around the world, most recently from Burma, Somalia and Bhutan but numerous countries along the way. With 13,000,000 refugees worldwide, the US is taking 70,000 to 80,000 a year which is less than 1% of those needing asylum. The second highest number accepted by a third country, the second country being where people flee to, is Canada which takes 5000 a year. Some refugees wait up to 18 years to be sponsored. The purpose of World Relief is to assist people to become self-sufficient. They need help setting up a household and finding jobs and training and they need volunteers.

In the past INPCA donated funds to the organization and household goods. Mr. Kadel hopes his organization and ours will be able to collaborate in the future on behalf of the refugees. Here is the announcement sent to me by Mr. Kadel when I asked for information on Spokane's World Relief office.

World Relief is pleased to announce Mark Kadel as the new Director for the Spokane office. Linda Unseth retired as of May 31st after 21 years of faithful service to the Spokane community.

Mark comes to World Relief in Spokane with 17 years experience working with refugees and victimized people suffering persecution. Working for nine years as missionaries in the Balkan area of Eastern Europe, Mark and his family assisted and provided humanitarian assistance to victims of civil war in both Albania and Kosovo. After returning to the United States in 2002, Mark started working with World Relief as a Case Manager, as his experience overseas greatly enabled his world perspective to assist in the resettlement of refugees from around the world.

World Relief welcomes any opportunity to meet with local organizations to share the mission and vision of World Relief to "Empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable and see lives transformed economically, socially and spiritually."

World Relief Spokane currently provides refugee resettlement assistance, immigration services and services to victims of human trafficking. Our work depends heavily on volunteer and church support, both financially and in many practical ways. Our volunteer orientation and refugee simulation program provides invaluable information, training and opportunities for anyone who is looking to work with refugees, victims of human trafficking, or volunteer for a Christian non-profit organization.

www.worldrelief.org/spokane



VILLAGE BICYCLE PROJECT

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Bikes Reduce Poverty, Bikes Provide Power & Opportunity

In Africa, a bicycle can make all the difference. Riding a bike is four times faster than walking, the only choice for millions of Africans. People with bikes get to schools, markets, farms and health care in one-fourth the time, improving their lives and economic futures.

Village Bicycle Project makes the difference for tens of thousands of Africans. Our successful program supplies bikes, spare parts and tools. We also train owners in basic bike maintenance and repair. We empower whole communities by including women and girls in bicycle education. These components work together to nurture the use of bikes. Improved mobility is a key to reducing poverty. In Africa, a bicycle can take a person from poverty to prosperity.

The Village Bicycle Project has no paid administrative staff. In 2009, over 12,000 volunteer hours were donated across the USA, Canada, England, Ghana and Sierra Leone.

As of May 2010: 45,000 donated used bikes shipped to Africa since 1999, 8,000 students taught bike repair skills 16,000 bike tools distributed in 13 African countries.

Village Bicycle Project founder and director, Dave Peckham (Gabon 83-85) writes:

VBP has a crucial relationship with Peace Corps in Ghana. The Peace Corps connection is what enables us to seriously call ourselves "Village." Anywhere Peace Corps goes, VBP will go there too. We have done programs with about 70 Peace Corps volunteers since 2001, in remote villages from corner to corner to corner of Ghana. Over 4000 bikes have been distributed in Ghana through VBP's Peace Corps partnership. Several PCV's have told me that the bikes program was the best thing they did for their village in their two years of service.

There's no way I could've figured out how to design and pull off a successful program like this if I hadn't been a PCV myself.

Please visit the newly revised website to learn more about Village Bicycle Project's current programs, and how you can help. On line donations are accepted.

HAVE IDEAS OR KNOW OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT RPCV'S WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR THAT INPCA SHOULD BE SUPPORTING?

Please contact Sue Bracken, sbrckn@comcast.net before the next board meeting in September.