Summer Camp Project June 2011

Living with Diversity
...Teaching Respect for Human Dignity in a Multi-Cultural World

College students are invited to be camp volunteers and earn academic credit in June!

Helsinki-España, a non-profit organization in Madrid, Spain is sponsoring a special summer camp program in Tulsa from June 13 through June 24, 2011. Local coordination of the project is being provided by the Center for Studies in Democracy and Culture of The University of Oklahoma Tulsa.

The purpose of the camp is to promote understanding among young people of the importance of mutual respect in a multi-cultural world and the universal values of human dignity.

College students from OU and other Oklahoma universities and colleges will join with a dozen college students from Spain to work as volunteer teachers and camp leaders during the project. During the summer camp project, participating college students will lead modules that will be offered through local organizations that are traditional venues for summer camps ...although the schedule has not been formalized yet, local organizations that have expressed an interest in participating with us are the Tulsa Public Schools, Campfire, Girl Scouts, the YMCA and the YWCA (and more are likely to be added to the list).

The summer camp project is an annual international activity. In recent years the summer camp project was held in Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Mexico. A new country is selected each year ...and for 2011, the camp project is being brought to the United States and Tulsa was selected as the program location.

Major support for this year’s summer camp project has been provided by:

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HOW WILL COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPS?

College students will participate as volunteer teachers in learning modules on issues of multi-culturalism and diversity.

These modules will be taught through existing summer camps in the Tulsa area that will be going on during June. Although the schedule has not yet been formalized, organizations that have expressed interest in incorporating these modules into their scheduled summer camps include the YMCA, YWCA, Girl Scouts, Campfire, and the Tulsa Public Schools.

These modules will primarily be offered during daytime camps, but some activities are expected to be offered on weekends and evenings during the June 13-24 period.

All college students who participate as teachers in the program must first complete a training program that will be held on the two weekends before the camp begins. The training sessions will be held Friday evening, all day Saturdays, and Sunday afternoon on June 3, 4, 5, and June 10, 11, 12. In addition, all college students are required to complete 8 hours of online training before the beginning of camp. The training program will provide a thorough background for each college student on issues of diversity, multi-culturalism, and universal human rights through lectures by Tulsa area professors and human relations professionals. Specific plans for the activities that will be included in the camp modules will be taught by the visiting college students from Spain.

Once college students complete their training, they may select as many, or as few, hours of teaching during the camp sessions, or as their schedule permits.

WHICH COLLEGE STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE?

Any college student is eligible to participate in the camp program, regardless of the institution where they are enrolled, as long as the student completes the required training program. Students who participate are not committed to work any specific number of hours in the camp program.

CAN COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATING?

Yes! At The University of Oklahoma students may enroll in up to three credit hours if enrolled in a practicum course, or students in Human Relations may earn internship hours towards fulfillment of their internship requirement. It is also possible that credit hours for Independent Study can be arranged for participation in the camp. Any student seeking to participate as a volunteer teacher in the camp for academic credit at The University of Oklahoma should contact Prof. Rodger Randle at OU-Tulsa. His phone number is 918-660-3495, and his email is randle@ou.edu.

Students on other campuses, such as OU-Norman, TU, Langston, OSU-Tulsa, should contact the professor on those campuses who is coordinating participation with the camp. These professors can answer questions about academic credit at these institutions.

For more information, contact Prof. Rodger Randle at OU-Tulsa, (918) 660-3495, or by email at randle@ou.edu.