

FRIENDS FOREVER INTERNATIONAL

World Peace...Grown Locally



Autumn 2018

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2018 Fall Programs

Fall Programs are just a few weeks away! Want to join a team for a hike, listen to youth share their stories at your office, or host or sponsor a meal? Contact Chelsea, chelsea@ff.international with your activity suggestions.



A 2017 Fall Team at the Center for Wildlife.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT FFI!

Meet the Ukraine Team

Join FFI for an intimate gathering with our first ever team of adult leaders from Ukraine. Learn more about this team on the back page of this newsletter or www.ff.international/ukraine. Please RSVP to Katiemae at katiemae@ff.international

Becoming American Series

A Documentary and Discussion Series at 3S Artspace, presented by Strawberry Banke.

Dates of the series are:

September: Thursday 27th

October: Thursday 4th and

Thursday 18th (FFI featured nonprofit guest)

November: Wednesday 7th, Thursday 15th

Skill Building Phase Celebration

Join us in congratulating our fall teams at the end of their Skill Building Phase. This event will take place at the Farmhouse and you will have the opportunity to meet and hear stories from the youth about their journey in FFI! Please RSVP to Katiemae at katiemae@ff.international

#BobRaicheDay

Show off your FFI spirit on social media by using #BobRaicheDay in celebration of our founder, Bob! Visit www.ff.international/bob-raiche-day to see pictures from past years!

Recurring Events

Monthly on the 2nd Saturday: Bowen Clinic

Bowenwork is a holistic approach to healing and can evoke a powerful response to a wide range of indications, from back pain to headaches, depression to anxiety. It is gentle enough for everyone. For more info visit www.thebowenteam.org or email bowenteamME@gmail.com

September 27

September - November

November 1

November 4

Recurring Events

#BOBRAICHEDAY

It's the time of year where we proudly wear our Friends Forever t-shirts, hats, and hoodies to work and come together



on social media to spread our FFI Spirit! Join us in honoring Friends Forever's founder, Robert (Bob) Raiche on November 4th by posting a selfie of you in your FFI gear with the hashtag #BobRaicheDay. It's also a great day to launch a fundraising campaign on Facebook for our mission!

Where to Share:



Twitter
@ff_intl



Instagram
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Facebook
@FriendsForeverIntl

Lost your FFI t-shirt?

Do you own our new FFI t-shirt? You can update your FFI Gear through our online store, www.ff.international/gear! Please allow 1-2 weeks for shipping and order by October 19th!



SUMMER GALLERY



SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

This summer was packed with adventures! We had five amazing teams come to the United States. Four were from the Middle East Program, with three Israel teams and a team of adult leaders from Cyprus who are now bringing the FFI Program to the youth they work with. The remaining team came from Northern Ireland (as part of our Europe/UK program). We hosted six incredible volunteer alumni trainers who led workshops and activities all summer.

Each session was packed with activities for the teams. Some are experiences each FFI team goes through, like the Ropes Course or attending and telling their stories at Rotary Club meetings or, for our New England Teams, visiting the Center for Wildlife in York, ME. Other activities are unique to a team or location, like Team Shavis volunteering in the Rochester, NH community, or Team Salmon's service at Epiphany Farms in Illinois. As they progress into their Community Building Phases back home, the young people will draw on these experiences to develop their Social Action Projects and work to build a better world starting in their own backyards. Check in on their projects and the rest of their journey at www.ff.international/team-updates.

FALL TEAM BUILDING SEMINAR



The alumni trainers leading a workshop.

Leading the seminar was a team of alumni trainers from our Northern Ireland and Middle East programs, ranging from the classes of 2008-2017. The alumni were excellent role models for this year's participants, showing first-hand the confidence they gained from the program. They helped the teams feel comfortable and come out of their shells by answering their questions and sharing their own personal stories.

"The decision to fly home from university for the seminar was definitely the right one. It's exciting to help them start their journey and I can't wait to see them on the other side."
- Jessica Maye, 2018 Robert Raiche Fellow

This September, 45 participants from our 2018 Northern Ireland program came together with a dozen alumni for a two day seminar to prepare for their two week Skill Building Phase in the United States. The participants came together as teams, discovered the FFI RECIPE, practiced their public speaking, and began to explore their stories.



Robyn ('17) draws a life map



All three teams with their team leaders

MEET THE TEAMS

TEAM LOL is the name of the Blackmountain Action Group/Corpus Christi Youth Club team. Their slogan for the team is "The experience of a lifetime."

TEAM LYFFE is made up of youth from Holy Family Youth Club/Mountcollyer Youth Club. They've chosen the slogan "Open Gates...Open Minds."

TEAM ETH12 has team members from Scotch Street Youth Club/Oasis Youth Club. Their team slogan is "Shaping the world one Peace at a time."

All three of our Fall 2018 teams are staying in our New England Host Community from October 20 - November 3. Their end of session party is November 1 and is open to the public. RSVP to katiemae@ff.international.

You can read more about each team, including individual bios, on our website! Visit www.ff.international/current-program

2018 ROTARY SPONSORS

We'd like to recognize our Rotary Sponsors from 2018!

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Friends Forever:

Danvers Rotary Club
Salem Rotary Club
Westford Rotary Club

Skill Building Phase:

Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary
Covington Rotary Club
Hollis Brookline Rotary Club
Normal Rotary Club
Sunset Rotary Club
Rotary Club of Metairie

Peacemaker:

Rotary Club of Slidell
Rotary Club of St. Charles Parish
York Rotary Club

Olive Branch:

Bloomington Normal Daybreak Rotary
Reading Rotary Club
Rotary Club of LaPlace
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Rotary Club of Waltham

Feed the Peace:

Braintree Rotary Club
Manchester/Essex Rotary Club
Rochester Rotary Club

Fuel the Peace:

Bow Rotary Club
Brunswick Rotary Club
Swampscott Rotary Club

The Beginning of Trust:

Ogunquit Rotary Club

AmeriCorps VISTA Wanted!

Friends Forever International is looking for a passionate individual to be our third AmeriCorps VISTA. This year-long position is an amazing opportunity for the right person to get their start working for an entrepreneurial and grassroots organization with a global impact! Learn more about this opportunity at FFI at www.ff.international/jobs or email katiemae@ff.international with any questions.

MEANWHILE AT HEADQUARTERS...

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Day of Caring with Raka Creative

Every September, FFI takes part in United Way's Day of Caring. This year we had the pleasure of hosting a volunteer team of 15 amazing folks from Raka Creative of Portsmouth! These incredible people set aside their designer, marketer, and office caps to don gardening gloves and pick up paint brushes to tackle several large projects across campus. The projects included painting the exterior of the Farmhouse, weeding the Peace Garden, Meditation Garden, and around the Farmhouse, and removing the last of the old fence. With a break for lunch donated by Lexie's Durham and some energizers with Marshall, the Raka team left the campus looking better than ever!



Above: The Raka Creative Team

Right: Before, during, and after painting the garage

Left, Clockwise: Weeding by the Meditation Garden, Lunch Break, finished gardens, Marshall leading an energizer



FFI Cinema & Dialogue

Over the summer, the Barndollar family together with FF International, hosted a night of cinema and dialogue. A private screening of two short films by Palestinian filmmaker Shadi Habib Allah, and an exclusive preview of his next project about Jerusalem and one that FFI will be helping to make a reality, was followed by a conversation with Shadi and others in attendance. If you are interested in supporting this new initiative of FFI, please contact Steve at steve@ff.international or 603.397.5301.



Becoming American Presentations

Becoming American: A Documentary Film and Discussion Series on Our Immigration Experience is a six-session series of public programs featuring documentary film screenings and discussions of immigration issues against the backdrop of immigration history, led by Dr. Lucy Salyer, UNH Associate Professor of History. Presented by Strawberry Banke Museum and hosted by 3S Artspace. Learn more at www.ff.international/events-calendar.

Ukraine Program

In September of 2018, Friends Forever International continues to spread its educational philosophy and will host its first delegation of Ukrainian youth workers from across that nation.

Prior to their arrival at the FFI Peace Campus, delegates will complete an orientation in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill and have the opportunity to meet with members of Congress.

Once in Durham, delegates will collaborate on best practices for youth work. Delegates will meet state political leaders and local community leaders. Additional activities include a tailored version of the FFI Leadership Program, specifically designed for adult educators from around the world.

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