



# JUSTWORKS CAMPS



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*Freedom Summer participants at the historic Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, in Selma, Ala., which was a key organizing location for civil rights activists, including Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Positive change is possible

UUSC's JustWorks camps give people a way to do more than just think about social injustice. They give them the chance to work alongside activists and other concerned individuals towards positive solutions.

Participants may tutor a child or help Katrina survivors to repair a home. They may help a small-scale farmer in Guatemala to produce coffee, learning about the process of coffee-making from bean to cup. Or they may work alongside Native Americans in Clinton, Okla., to repatriate burial remains improperly removed from a community.

Along the way, participants learn about issues of race, class, and gender – examining how discrimination can perpetuate injustice and violations of human rights.

**Come join the struggle at the community level, where *real* change can happen. Become a JustWorks volunteer!**

From beginning to end, I was learning. I learned about myself, about UUSC, about New Orleans, about Katrina, about the horrific devastation that occurred, about racism and classism, and, lastly, about hope.

*—Nancy Nowak, of Duxbury, Mass.,  
Gulf Coast JustWorks  
Camp participant*

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# Be part of the change in the lives of others

JustWorks camps are week-long experiential and service projects that help volunteers examine the causes and damaging effects of injustice, while donating their time and skills to a local community.

Through JustWorks camps, volunteers enter communities at the invitation of UUSC program partners, who have identified problems in their communities and are working towards positive solutions. These partners are the women and men on the frontlines of human-rights struggles today.

Participants learn how to look at problems in new ways, while offering services, and sometimes a specialized skill, that local communities can use right away. This sharing catalyzes mutual respect and a sense of shared goals. Inspired and motivated by their experiences, JustWorks volunteers become more effective human-rights advocates in their own right, bringing their new-found knowledge and experience back to their own communities.

**Join a UUSC JustWorks camp and be part of the positive change in the lives of others, in the United States and around the world.**

## JustWorks camps are voyages of self-discovery

Because UUSC encourages diversity in its JustWorks camps – bringing together participants of different ages, faiths, races, classes, nationalities, and cultures – our discussions and experiences are richer and more meaningful. The result is a deeper understanding of human rights and social justice.

### International JustWorks Camps

“I am amazed, impressed, and inspired by the courage and dedication of the co-op organizers and members. Where past wars divided communities, co-ops are uniting them, improving their economic status, providing services and opportunities not previously available...Manos Campesinas is proud that over past few years, none of their farmers had to sell land and move. Instead, fair trade and careful management have improved the lives and preserved the traditions of the co-op members.”

—Al Benford,

*Fair Trade JustWorks Camp in Guatemala Participant  
(pictured far right with campers and farmers  
in the first stage of processing coffee berries into beans)*

### Annual Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey

“I was shocked to see just how many civil rights activists were not only still alive, but still doing things. Each person we met had a clear message: ‘We won’t be here forever. It’s your turn now.’ And hearing Rev. Orange [now passed] speak of his imprisonment and near lynching, I couldn’t help but put my life in context...If there’s one thing I’m sure of, it’s that there’s a long way left to go, and I sincerely hope we find the courage as a people to make it there.”

—Sean Capaloff-Jones,

*UUSC Intern and Freedom Summer Participant  
(pictured on right with Georgia Citizens’ Coalition on Hunger staff member  
conducting voter registration during the service component of Freedom Summer)*

### Alternative Spring Break

“One week is a short time to make a difference in the course of a child’s life. I only hope I made a fraction of the difference in their lives as they made in mine!”

—Ava Murphy,

*University of Wisconsin student,  
Alternative Spring Break Work Camp Participant  
(pictured on right tutoring a child from the La Jolla Indian Reservation)*

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## Join the struggle!

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“It is beyond description to share the emotions and thrill of participating physically in this project with other committed people. We have had incredible teachings from Lawrence [Hart, the facilitator], shared meals prepared by his wife, Betty, and learned a lot about Cheyenne culture.”

—Beth Brownfield,  
Bellingham, Wash.,

*Return to the Earth JustWorks Camp Participant*

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Each JustWork camp is linked to one or more of UUSC's four program areas:

- ▶ Economic Justice and workers' rights
- ▶ Civil Liberties and access to democratic processes
- ▶ Environmental Justice and the human right to water
- ▶ Rights in Humanitarian Crises, whether natural or manmade

## Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey

Each year during the Civil Rights Journey, participants spend one week traveling by bus to sites of significance in the U.S. civil rights movement (1954-1963).

In the cities of Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, journeyers meet people who lived through and participated in historic struggles, such as school desegregation and the bus boycott. From them, they learn about the strength, hope, and determination of people who faced great odds to challenge our nation and lead us closer to a just and equal society.

The journey concludes with a service component that puts journeyers to work in a local community. Past projects have included painting and repairing houses and working on a farmer cooperative. “It was through our service and action that we were able to take up the civil-rights and human-rights struggle that was started so many years before,” explained Giles Holt, a 2008 journeyer and JustWorks intern. “And for two days, we won that struggle.”

Reserve your seat on next year's bus!  
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At the Civil Rights Memorial, outside the Southern Poverty Law Center, in Montgomery, Ala., three participants reflect on the names and contributions of those who lost their lives during the civil rights movement.

“On this trip, history not only comes alive, it talks to you. I'll never think about civil rights in the same way. The heroes of the movement aren't the ones who made the changes we know now. The changes were made by everyday people, by people like me and people like you who, when the time came, chose to do something instead of walk away.”

—Nancy Nienhuis, Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass.,  
Freedom Summer participant

# JustWorks camps continue UUSC tradition

UUSC has a long history of collaborating with Native American communities on social-justice issues. Since 1997, JustWorks camps have brought volunteers to work alongside Native American groups in places such as Pine Ridge, S.D., and La Jolla, Calif. The projects are meaningful, eye-opening experiences for all who participate.

Through the Return to Earth Camp in Clinton, Okla., in 2007, JustWorks volunteers helped to prepare burial

sites for unidentified Native American ancestral remains. It is estimated that between 600,000 and 2 million Native American remains collected by U.S. and international institutions are still unjustly stored in museums and universities. Of these, up to 110,000 are unidentified.

By helping to give these remains proper community burial, JustWorks volunteers contributed to righting the wrongs of the past.



*Travis Eagle Deer, Sr., conducts a lesson in Lakota drumming to teen participants of the Lakota Video and Community Project Camp, in Rosebud, S.D.*

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## JUSTWORKS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q: How much does it cost to participate in a JustWorks Camp?**

**A:** Fees vary from camp to camp, but most camps cost between \$700 and \$1,000. This includes room & board, local transportation, and museum/institution entrance fees. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for the cost of transportation to and from the work site.

**Q: How do I get to the camp?**

**A:** Most volunteers travel to the site by plane, train, or bus, and are picked up by UUSC staff or volunteers for transportation to the site. Some volunteers choose to drive to the site.

**Q: What is the typical daily schedule?**

**A:** Daily activities vary from day to day and camp to camp. Generally, camps follow a five-day work week (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), with brief evening sessions.

**Q: What are the sleeping accommodations like?**

**A:** Sleeping accommodations depend on the camp. Volunteers may stay in trailers, recreational vehicles, college dormitories, or hotels.

**Q: Is there an age limit?**

**A:** Most JustWorks camps have a minimum age requirement of 16.

**Q: How do I sign up?**

Visit [www.uusc.org/justworks](http://www.uusc.org/justworks) for a list of upcoming JustWorks camps and an application form.

For more information, visit [www.uusc.org/justworks](http://www.uusc.org/justworks) or call 617-868-6600.



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