



1. What is the goal of the Children's Rights Camp?

The goal of the Children's Rights Camp is to address the question, "Are children's rights protected in Los Angeles?" Each STF Chapter will create walk-through representations of various local and international children's rights issues that educate and compel students and visitors to take action. Some tents will have a specific action, but the overall goal of the camp is to urge President Obama and the United States to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. To this effort, the Student Task Force is partnering with the [International Rescue Committee](#) to sign petitions that will be delivered at key moments to the President.

2. What issues will STF chapters focus on and present in the tents?

The main issues that the tents will focus on are Juvenile Justice, Child Farmworkers, Access to Education (with an emphasis on homeless and foster care communities), LGBT Rights, Child Homelessness, Trafficking, and we will also have a tent dedicated to Camp Darfur to honor the legacy from which we inherited the tents.

However, a few schools have identified issues specific to their areas for which they want to create unique tents. At Carson HS there is a health magnet, and in Santa Clarita there is a growing problem associated with child being affected by drugs and illicit substances.

3. Will my STF Chapter need to research and create displays for all the tents?

We are asking the larger STF Chapters that have more capacity and members to research and work on all the tent issues listed above. This can most easily be accomplished by forming committees. Smaller STF chapters will be encouraged to prioritize the issues that they determine they have the capacity to work on.

4. How do we find out what other STF groups are doing so we can coordinate?

Each STF Chapter should accurately document the types of displays and messaging that will be used on the tents. An STF Chapter can even elect a Camp Historian to document the camp's progress. This information will be shared by the STF Team with the other STF Chapters to identify areas of cooperation and to prevent duplication of efforts and overlap.

5. When will the tents need to be complete?

The first time we display the tents will be at the Annual Human Rights Watch dinner on November 15. The event will feature three tents including Juvenile Justice, LGBT, and Child Farmworkers.

Following the Dinner, the first Children's Rights Camp will be on display close to November 20 for the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. After the first camp, the camp will continue to rotate between schools during the fall and spring semesters. Please see the corresponding timeline to get an idea of the tasks that need to be completed in the build up to the Children's Right Camp.

6. What logistics need to be worked out for the tents?

Every STF school will have a different process for getting permission to display the tents. In the early weeks of planning your STF Chapter should discuss the timelines, types of forms or permission and other needs for hosting the event at your school.

7. How will the camp be transported to my school?

The STF Team will coordinate with you to have the tents on campus for the camp. If possible, please plan for guest parking to make it easier to carry materials onto campus.

8. Do we need to know everything on each tent topic?

No. The STF Team will help you to identify talking points for each topic, but we hope that over time, your Chapter will become more conversant in all topics.

9. What action will we have students do at the camp?

Some tents will have a specific action (i.e. Signing petitions for the CARE Act to reform the laws on Child Farmworkers), but the overall purpose of the camp is to create awareness of the issues presented and to generate 25,000 phone calls and petitions to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Senator Harry Reid to prioritize putting the Convention on the Rights of the Child back on the US agenda for ratification.

10. What is camp day going to look like?

Again, this will depend on the school. Some schools will be able to have full-day or half-day events, and some will only be able to present the camp for specific periods or during lunch. The camp will take approximately 1 hour to assemble on site, and STF students should plan for an early morning set up. Once built, the camp should be staffed by the STF Chapter to help guide your classmates through the tents.

11. What do we do in the weeks following the camp, or before if my campus won't be hosting the camp until the spring semester?

Following the camp, the STF team will continue to work with your chapter to create events related to international children's rights. These may be screenings, guest speakers, advocacy and lobby visits, or other projects that your club identifies.

12. What if my school does not have an STF Chapter, but I'm interested in hosting a camp?

Please contact the STF Team at humanrightsed@gmail.com to discuss your request. We cannot guarantee that we can have a Children's Rights Camp on your campus, but we'll be happy to discuss any and all possibilities.