



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

The goal is to address the question, “Are children’s rights protected at home and around the world?” Each STF Chapter will create walk-through tents, representing 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.

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

The main issues will be U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Juvenile Justice, Child Tobacco Farmworkers, EMUS (End Military Use of Schools), Child Migrants, and the Right to Education. Not every theme needs to be included.

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

Each STF Chapter will be assigned a tent theme to work on at first, and then if there is time, they are invited to select a second theme to develop for a tent. We will combine the work of all the chapters to create the final traveling camp.

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 their assigned tent. STF Presidents and interns will share that information with all the chapters.

5. When will the tents need to be completed?

We hope all the tents will be completed by the last week of October, so that the camp can start traveling by the first week of November.

The Children’s Rights Camp will be on display in our STF school communities beginning early November through January, at the Annual HRW Defenders Dinner on November 11, and hopefully on November 20 for the 25th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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 on their campus. In the early weeks of planning, each STF Chapter should discuss the timelines and types of forms or permission needed for hosting the event at your school. Reserve a date for your Children’s Rights Camp, after confirming tent availability with STF interns.

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 specific actions, but the overall purpose of the camp is to create awareness of the issues presented and to generate phone calls and petitions to urge President Obama to send the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the U.S. Senate for consideration this year.

10. What is Children's Rights Camp day going to look like?

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. 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. Time also needs to be planned for taking down the camp.

11. What do we do in the weeks 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 film 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.