



**AN INVITATION
TO THE
2008 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

All organizations and communities are invited to be part of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth, which are held each year in the fall, on or around the United Nations International Day of Peace, September 21.

Each year the Games are an opportunity for young people all over the world to demonstrate their central role in the mission of global friendship, peace and development. The games are an initiative of civil society to show solidarity in support of peaceful solutions, nonviolence and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for human development.

The Games recognize and demonstrate the value of sport to:

- **Unite, motivate, inspire and educate**
- **Encourage peaceful solutions and cultural understanding**
- **Teach essential values such as cooperation and respect**
- **Promote life-long health and social skills**
- **Improve health and wellbeing**
- **Strengthen links between children and adults**
- **Contribute to the development of communities**

All participating sites will receive special messages from the United Nations Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace and from the President of FIFA. All children and youth can sign the UNESCO Manifesto for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. A Certificate of Participation is prepared for all organizations.

Please join this important event that has been held yearly since 2001. The Report on last year's 2007 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth and the Certificate of Participation are available for reference on www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org. The 2008 Instruction and Registration Form are attached in English, and are available in French and Spanish upon request.

Registration Form

2008 Global Peace Games for children and Youth

Name of organization Registered:

City and Country where Games will take place:

Anticipated Date of Games:

Name of Responsible Person for Registration:

Email address

Telephone

Postal address

Report on the Games: After the games are held, a brief one/two paragraph report must be prepared. It should be received by PLAY SOCCER by December 1, 2008 in order to be included in the report on the 2008 Games.

The Report should be brief, no more than one page, describing the Games and including the following information:

- the number of children and youth that took part
- where and when the event took place
- the number of signatories on the UNESCO Manifesto
- the names of other organizations that joined the event

Both the Registration Form and the report that is prepared after the Games should be returned to PLAY SOCCER at playsoconnonprofit@aol.com. Contact us for assistance to answer any questions or to obtain a French or Spanish version of this document.

INSTRUCTIONS

For the 2008 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

What are the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth?

The Global Peace Games for Children and Youth are an annual event that takes place at the grassroots level in communities in all parts of the world through the initiative of civil society.

The Games are locally planned and financed community events. They feature friendly soccer matches and/or other sporting events along with educational presentations, music, art, dance or poetry around themes dedicated to the objectives of the United Nations for peace, nonviolence and human development. The Games seek to develop the leadership skills and individual responsibility of children and youth, and to help them learn how through sport and ordinary daily life actions and decisions, they can make the world a better place for all. They demonstrate the solidarity and commitment that sport can create among children, youth and communities for this purpose.

The themes of the Games support the goals of the United Nations, which proclaimed the children of the world as the central focus of the 2001-2010 International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. They educate about and show support for peaceful solutions, and aim to build global friendship and understanding, consistent with the objective of the United Nations International Day of Peace. They support the United Nations Millennium Development Goals that seek to improve human life through eight development priorities:

- 1 reduction of poverty and hunger
- 2 achievement of universal primary education
- 3 promotion of gender equality
- 4 reduction of child mortality
- 5 improvement of maternal health
- 6 reversal of the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis
- 7 environmental sustainability
- 8 development of a global partnership for development.

Who Can Take Part in the Games?

Participation in the Games is free and open to all who wish to take part. Communities, civil society organizations and governments are invited to organize and enjoy the games and events in their own countries and locations, limited only by their own local constraints of financing, organizing and planning capacity. Different organizations can hold multiple Games in the same country at different sites. Participating communities and organizations select their own sites.

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through photos, drawings, discussions, or other presentations, to show how sport can promote peace, tolerance and understanding. Each participating organization is encouraged to focus on the themes from the Manifesto and from the United Nations Millennium Development Goals that are most relevant to their communities.

After all the Games around the world have taken place, PLAY SOCCER will prepare the 2008 Report on the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth, and the Certificate of Participation. The Report and Certificate of Participation will be presented to the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace. The presentation will be made by PLAY SOCCER on behalf of the participants all over the world so that children and youth know that their signatures on the Manifesto and their efforts for peace and global friendship are recognized, and that their voices have been heard and can make a difference for the future.

In order to prepare the Report and the Certificate, PLAY SOCCER needs to receive the brief report from EACH participating organization about the Games that were held at their site. The report should identify the site by location and country, state the number of signatures obtained on the Manifesto, the number of participating children and youth, the names of other local organizations that participated, and give a brief overview description of the event. It can be in the local language or in English. For examples of reports in previous years, please refer to the Report on the 2007 Global Peace Games which can be seen on the web site: www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org

The reports from the participating organizations and sites should be brief and concise and if possible, contain a few digital pictures in jpeg format. **This report must be received by December 1, 2008 to be included in the Report on the Games and on the Certificate of Participation.** The report and jpeg pictures should be sent electronically to playsocnonprofit@aol.com by December 1. Pictures and reports can be sent by regular mail but must also be received by this date. The mailing address is PLAY SOCCER, P.O. Box 106, Princeton, New Jersey 08542-0106, USA.

Please note that the Manifesto with the signatures does not need to be sent. Many sites retain and display it within the community. Only the information about the number of signatures as described above should be included in the report.

The Report on the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth and the 2008 Certificate will be electronically distributed and available to participating organizations and individuals. It will be available to download from the PLAY SOCCER web site at www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org and upon request, can also be sent as a CD.

Play Soccer and other partners in the organizing Coalition will seek publicity for the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth through the international media. The coalition encourages, but is not responsible for media coverage at the local level. The intent of publicity is to spotlight the advocacy and alliance of

children and youth across nations and cultures. The Coalition will welcome assistance from participating organizations to develop such global publicity as well as to develop shared with the Coalition at the PLAY SOCCER email address noted above.

Please direct any further questions about the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth to the following email addresses:

playsocnonprofit@aol.com and check the website www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org for periodic information updates

For information specifically related to sites at various SOS Children's Villages please contact: orlaith.king@sos-kd.org