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The Freeze



Join the RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison for our **37th annual Freeze for Food on March 3, 2018**.
Run or walk to raise funds to support food programs of Madison's Open Doors for Refugees!

[Open Doors for Refugees](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the resettlement of refugees in the Madison area and welcoming them into the community. All proceeds from Freeze for Food will be donated to food relief efforts for incoming refugees.

Our race is never canceled due to weather.

The 5K race is held in the scenic Vilas Park roads and sidewalks and other nearby roads at the northern part of Lake Wingra. The 10K race circles Lake Wingra and passes through the Arboretum.

Both races start and end at the Vilas Park Shelter, 1602 Vilas Park Dr., Madison, WI.

Register online with [Its Race Time](#) in advance or on the day of the race.

Register online with **Registration is limited to 320 participants.**

Volunteers:

Help us get out the word by sharing! [Download the 2018 Freeze Flyer](#), which can substitute as a 2-sided tri-fold brochure (print 2-sided, flip on short side).

You're not a runner but want to help? Great! Help by signing up on [SignUp Genius](#) for a volunteer task to make this event a success. We need help both in advance and on the day of the event.

Questions:

Contact Steph Shelton stephanie.v.shelton@gmail.com

Stay up to date on details by [Friending us on our Freeze Facebook](#) page.

Spring 2018 Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have an hour, maybe even two,

in any of the following tasks to help promote Peace Corps?



Between now and May 18, 2018, this page will be used to ask for help to get the UW-Madison back to **#1 in Peace Corps' Top Producing Colleges** category! If a date is imminent with insufficient support or a new Event is added, an email will be sent out to the Peace Corps Ambassador group, the RPCVs on the UW Campus, and the RPCVs of WI-Madison.

All questions can be directed to Kate Schachter, UW Campus Peace Corps Recruiter, peacecorps@international.wisc.edu, work 608-262-1121 or cell 608-440-0674.

#OnWisconsin!

Already signed up? You can [change your sign up](#).

Tabling Event at the International Festival



Our first tabling event of the new year will be at the International Festival at the Overture Center in downtown Madison on **Saturday, February 24**. The festival starts at 10:30 AM and continues all day until 4:30 PM. There are over 30 free performances by local artists celebrating the rich cultural heritage within our community. In addition to the wonderful musicians and dancers, indulge in cuisines from around the world, browse the arts and crafts from local artisans, and learn about the many local organizations with global connections. We will be among the local organizations with an information table.

If you would like to help staff our table, talk about your Peace Corps experiences, and give out brochures and bookmarks, please contact Troy Rutter txrutter@att.net at 608-572-1936.

Please check out the [Overture Center website](#) for a festival schedule. It's free and open to the public, so bring the entire family to enjoy local and international talent with a global perspective.



Let's see UW-Madison be #1 in Peace Corps Volunteers again!

Can you help get the UW-Madison back in #1 position for all-time since 1961 volunteer status?

We are **#1 for 2017**, but UC-Berkeley has jumped ahead of us in all-time status by almost 400 volunteers. It will be a stretch, but we can do it...in a few years.

Here's how you can help. If you're an RPCV and can help me table at various career fairs, or speak at UW or greater Madison community classrooms and organizations, go to this [SignUp Genius](#) form. Pick a date with an hour or two, and I will be in contact with you about details.

If you especially have Engineering, Agriculture or Athletics skills and interests, please take a close look at those career fairs. I could really use your personal expertise! There are urgent needs coming up on February 5, 6, AND 7!

There are no classroom events scheduled...yet. But I will send this email again as more events are added. I will also use this for Speakers Match requests from classroom teachers. These rush in around Peace Corps Week (February 27 - March 3 this year), so watch for those.

Thanks to everyone for your help!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Peace Corps Week! February 25 – March 3, 2018



Monday, 2/26, 5pm – 7 (or later): It's a Tip or Two From Peace Corps. The second Monday Social of the year will be held as a collaboration between the RPCVs of Madison and the Peace Corps Campus Recruiter. Meet at the Memorial Union Rathskellar with students and community members interested in Peace Corps, and share your experiences of what service is *really* like!

Tuesday, 2/27, 6pm – 8pm: An environmental film and panel discussion on climate change problems impacting Peace Corps countries.

Wednesday, 2/28, 4pm – 5:30pm: Writing Workshop on the Peace Corps resume and motivation statement, at [Success Works](#), 711 State St., 3rd floor (above University Bookstore).



Thursday, 3/1, 2pm – 4pm: Open House. Join us in Rm 260 Bascom Hall for coffee, cake and conversation about 57 years of Peace Corps.

Saturday, 3/3, noon – 2pm: Find the Peace Corps table and other fun events at the 37th annual Freeze for Food.

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A Reminder

Just a reminder that we will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 21, 2018**, at **7:00 pm** at the HotelRED in Madison. A meeting agenda will be coming out shortly.

If you have any items for the agenda, please let me know.

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President,

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A FOOT NOTE from Harry Bennett

RPCVs of Wisconsin-Madison board members and other attendees please note the art installation in the meeting room at the Red Hotel next week. It is the work of my daughter Hannah, RPCV Ecuador 2004-06, who completed an MFA at UW Madison in 2017. I will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting. More of Hannah's work can be viewed at: www.hannahoharebennett.com

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