

**PARTICIPATE IN 4 DAYS OF GUIDED
DIALOGUES FOR JEWISH AND ARAB NORTH
AMERICAN STUDENTS (18-26) IN VERMONT**

Session 1: August 12-15 - Session 2: August 16-19, 2012



This innovative program will bring together American Arabs and Jews for a series of guided dialogues. Other college students interested in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are also welcome.

The dialogues will be led by senior Jewish and Palestinian instructors from the School for Peace. Through dialogue and exploration of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, participants will have the opportunity to explore their own identity and their role in the conflict. The location of this event is Oscarsfarm, located in West Burke, Vermont. Guests to Oscarsfarm will participate in 4 days of guided dialogues and recreational activities.

The School for Peace was created at the binational community of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam. The School's educational projects have been successful in bringing Jews and Palestinians together in Israel to promote familiarity and understanding between the two peoples.

Oscarsfarm is a retreat center of 40 acres. It is located on a wooded hillside with meadows, winding trails, pure spring water and beautiful mountain views. Mr. Gary Schy, director and founder, of Oscarsfarm, will host this event.

We are now recruiting participants for the workshops. Those interested in participating should send a letter explaining their motivation to:

2012workshops@oasisofpeace.org.

Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to Vermont and for a \$150 participating fee (covering lodging & food). *Partial or total scholarships may be available upon request.*

You can learn more at

www.oasisofpeace.org/oscarsfarm-workshops



Learn more

These workshops are the collaborative effort of the School for Peace, Oscarsfarm and the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam.

School for Peace:

nswas.org/rubrique138.html

Oscarsfarm:

www.oscarsfarmvt.org

American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam:

www.oasisofpeace.org

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The workshops are open to students of Arab, Jewish and Muslim backgrounds, or anyone who is interested in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and binational dynamics.

The workshops will be facilitated by senior Jewish and Palestinian staff members from the School for Peace using a unique model that they have developed working with groups in conflict.

Timeline

To accommodate the large numbers of people interested in participating in this program, two sessions are being planned:

- Session One: August 12th - August 15th, 2012
- Session Two: August 16th - August 19th, 2012

Program Description

Through dialogue, participants develop an awareness of the ethnic/social conflicts in society by highlighting each person's role in these processes and enabling them to explore and evolve their identity through interaction with others.

In the small group setting of the dialogues, the relationship between power groups and cultural groups in society will also be explored.

Educational Goals:

1. Students will learn to develop personal awareness of the conflict and the role they play in this conflict.
2. Students will become more aware of bias and treatment of others.
3. Students will learn to recognize their responsibility for creating change in their communities.
4. Students will learn to explore their identities.
5. Students will experience impact of power dynamics on groups in conflict.
6. Students will learn about inter-group dialogue and its relationship to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Location & Transportation

Oscarsfarm is an environmentally sustainable farm where young people from all over the world have come to live simply and harmoniously with nature.

Shuttle service from Montpelier, Vermont to Oscarsfarm will be provided. Those traveling by public transportation can use Amtrak and greyhound services to Montpelier. By car: West Burke is 3 hours from Boston, 6 hours from New York City and 150 minutes from Montreal, Canada.