

Hosting Camp Darfur WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW Questions? Email Katie-Jay ktj@iactivism.org

## What is Camp Darfur (CD)?

Camp Darfur is an interactive awareness and educational event that brings attention to the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and gives individuals the opportunity to discover their ability and power to make a difference. This traveling refugee camp raises awareness and examines Sudan's Darfur region and its humanitarian crisis – genocide – by placing it in an historical context with Armenia, the Holocaust, Cambodia, and Rwanda. Camp Darfur empowers communities to raise their voices and take action for the individuals of Darfur. **Check out the website for ideas and photos:** www.stopgenocidenow.org/campdarfur

## Hosting Camp Darfur

Camp Darfur creates the space for you and your group to raise awareness, take action and get the rest of your community involved in human rights. It offers your group the opportunity to INTERACT with the community of Darfur! We encourage students to learn about each genocide represented and provide a host at each tent to peer educate. We would like you and your group to take the opportunity of having Camp Darfur on campus to create an event that will reach your target audience. Have music playing to attract those passing by, offer samples of refugee food, sign teachers or professors up to visit the Camp with their classes. Be creative! Together with Camp Darfur, your program, events and information will help to make the overall event interactive. Don't forget to have activities available that allow your audience to take immediate action in helping the people of Darfur.

## **Camp Darfur provides:**

- ✓ Up to FIVE 8x10 canvas tents that tell an abbreviated history of genocide: Armenia, the Holocaust, Cambodia, Rwanda, and Darfur
- ✓ Inside the tents, materials include: Timelines, testimonials, photographs, historical facts, DVDs (if Camp Darfur is inside, includes electricity, and DVD players/computers) and banners
- ✓ A Camp Darfur representative(s) to show videos and slideshows, give presentations, work with group leaders, and provide ideas on how to optimize CD
- ✓ An opportunity to link your community with those who are directly affected by genocide: collect written messages to be delivered to refugees or record video messages for refugees to view
- ✓ We have drawings by refugee children on canvas panels, you can request these if you would like your community to see and touch them.
- ✓ CHECK OUT pictures of Camp Darfur at:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/stopgenocidenow/sets/72157603300637563/

## **Camp Darfur Logistics:**

- ✓ If outside, tents MUST be tied down or they will fly away. Please check with your facilities about staking into the ground. If this cannot be done, please provide us with an alternative, which could include sand bags, cement blocks or other secure and heavy objects. Please provide our team with a hammer/mallet for staking.
- ✓ If inside, CD includes multimedia DVDs for each genocide: you will need to provide 4-5 computers, or DVD players and electricity. Please let us know if you are interested in this aspect of the Camp, so we can work with you to arrange proper set up.
- ✓ If you are interested in a presentation(s) by our team, let us know. You will need to provide a projector and screen to show footage from Darfur refugee camps.
- ✓ CD requires one table or shared area for information (and canvas panels if requested).
- ✓ Will the camp be set up overnight and/or community members be spending the night in the tents? Please check with the appropriate people to make sure this is possible.
- ✓ Setting up CD: It takes 1 and ½ hrs with 6-8 volunteers provided by YOU. Set up can take upwards of two hours if 6 to 8 volunteers are not available. Please plan accordingly.
- $\checkmark$  The host group needs to provide volunteers throughout the day to interact with visitors.
- ✓ Taking down CD: With 6-8 volunteers take down will be 30-45 minutes.







