

TIP SHEET: About Peace Corps Speakers

Peace Corps Volunteers, American adults of all ages and from all walks of life, serve in more than 70 countries on community development projects that focus on agriculture, business, education, health, and the environment.

Returned Peace Corp Volunteers (RPCVs) are volunteers who have acquired important language, technical, and community cultivation skills during their two-year term of service.

Speakers Match, a Peace Corps Coverdell World Wise Schools program, will assist you in inviting RPCVs to speak about their experiences. Visit www.peacecorps.gov/wws/speakersmatch/ or e-mail info@peacecorps.gov.

World Thinking Day



World Thinking Day is February 22. On this day, girls participate in activities, games, and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world. Coverdell World Wise Schools recommends that you contact a Speaker's Match representative as soon as possible, ideally at least four weeks in advance, to invite a RPCV to speak on World Thinking Day.

Before the RPCV Speaker Arrives...

- Have girls research the Peace Corps at school, online, or with their family.
- Encourage girls to find out more about the RPCV's country of service so they can ask specific questions.
- Communicate your presentation goals with the RPCV. If the presentation is meant to tie into a particular badge or theme, encourage the RPCV to tailor her/his presentation accordingly.
- Consider ways to make the presentation interactive for the girls. Brainstorm ideas with the RPCV. Ask your guest whether she/he will be sharing music, clothing, food, or other country artifacts.
- Work out how you will handle the girls' questions. Will the RPCV take questions throughout the presentation or wait until the end?

Global Action— Inspired to Take Action?

Connect to another part of the world via the Coverdell World Wise Schools Correspondence Match program, which helps girls learn about other people and places directly from a Peace Corps volunteer serving overseas now. To start a dynamic two-year exchange of ideas, stories, pictures, and artifacts, visit www.peacecorps.gov/wws/correspond or e-mail info@peacecorps.gov.

Peace Corps and Coverdell World Wise Schools resources: www.peacecorps.gov

Interactive map of project countries: www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=learn.wherepc

Projects: www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=learn.whatvo

Stories and lesson plans: www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/

Reading list: www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/peacecorpsweek/readinglist.pdf

