



Dorothy Day



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dolores Huerta



Cesar Chavez

Social Justice Summer School

in Austin, Texas

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Introduction

Before Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus in December of 1955, she spent time at the Highlander Folk School in Mount Eagle, Tennessee learning about the history of social protest. Before Cesar Chavez began organizing farm workers in California and undertaking the table grape boycott in the 1960s, he spent time at Saul Alinsky's Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago learning how poor people can build power in their communities. Even Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, went back to "school" to learn about the gospel of social change.

This summer, Austin Voices for Education and Youth, along with several community based organizations, is hosting a Social Justice Summer School in cooperation with Lanier, Johnston and Akins High Schools. At the request of students who participated in the pro-immigrant school walkouts in March and April, this six week school will provide students with the opportunity to learn not only about the immigration debate currently raging in Washington, D.C. but also how to organize for other changes in their schools and communities.

Program

Students who attend this Social Justice Summer School will take short classes in the history of social protest, economics and the origins of poverty, agenda setting in the Latino community, the ins and outs of the Texas criminal justice system, and how to make public schools work for everyone. Students will also have numerous opportunities to hear guest speakers, watch documentary films, and participate in class discussions, debates and skits.

The Social Justice Summer School will hold classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 2:00 pm at Lanier High School. (lunch will be provided) Classes start on June 6th and run until July 13th, 2006. Enrollment is limited to around 40 students and everyone must make their own transportation arrangements. Instructors for the school will be community activists in the Austin area, staff members of Austin Voices and students from the local universities. Parents of students in this program are welcomed to attend classes at any time as are other members of the community. For those who complete the program, there will be certificates of completion awarded. On the following pages is a topical outline of what will be covered.

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Buscando La Vida: The Search for an Identity in America

Por qué viene uno a los Estados Unidos?
Once here how is identity established, transformed, invented?
From Martinez to Martin: Assimilation, Acculturation or both?
The Irish Need Not Apply

Barrio Economics: Who Gets to Smile and Who Gets to Cry

Employment, money and the multipliers in space
Taxes and the purchasing power of La Raza
How markets are structured and sustained by government
Remittance and savings accounts and why the Bank of America wants you
The underground economy and its drivers
A peak at the poverty business

Superman was an Illegal Alien: The Story of Immigration

We didn't cross the border, the border crossed us
Operational Citizenship
What Cesar Chavez learned from Operation Wetback
Christoforo Columbus and Globalization
May 1st, 2006: A Day Without an Immigrant
The browning of America

The History of Social Protest in USA

Don't play those drums on this plantation
The Boston Tea Party
What the Native Americans taught the Europeans
What the Europeans taught the Native Americans
The American Civil War
The American Civil Rights Movement

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Canciones, Peliculas, Poesia, y Literatura del Movimiento

The Highlander Research and Education Center
The Llano Grande Center
El Teatro Campesino

Vida y Salud en La Comunidad

Life cycles and expectations
Jose Alfredo Jiménez: *La Vida No Vale Nada*
The cost of health care

The Media, the Mentiras and the Search for the Truth

Agenda Setting in the Latino Community
What happened to Tejano music in Austin, Texas
You Don't Speak for Me – The Right gets righteous

No Saco Nada de La Escuela: Examining the Relevance of Education

Is there a dropout crisis in Austin, Texas?
Qué es lo que nos enseña la maestra
Subtractive School: The Politics of Caring (Dr. Angela Valenzuela)
Understanding the curriculum of the community

The Criminal Justice System in Texas: Who's In and Who's Out

The business of crime
Crime overviews and databases
Who's going to jail and why.
How many gangs are there in Austin, Texas?

Going to College: How to Get In y Donde estan las Becas?

Why an Education can make you dangerous
A degree in Mexican American Studies?
When you go to college, the whole family goes to college

Student Outcomes for the Social Justice Summer School

Students who complete this program will have a greater sense of their place in the history of social protest in the United States.

Students who participate in this program will discover they are not alone in the current efforts to have their voices heard.

Students who attend the Social Justice Summer School will have the opportunity to hear an array of guest speakers who are current community activists.

Students who come to the Social Justice Summer School will be able to see a number of documentary films about the struggles of poor people and their search for justice.

Students who complete this program will develop a set of skills and talents that will make them better community organizers at their respective campuses in the fall.

Students who attend this program will have the opportunity to work with Austin Voices for Education and Youth in the High School Redesign Project that is currently underway in the Austin Independent School District.

Students who participate in the Social Justice Summer School will come in contact with college students and professors from Austin and the surrounding area that will help inspire them to think about the possibilities of going to college

And finally, students and their parents who become associated with the Social Justice Summer School will become part of a network of young people in Austin, Texas who working to make sure that their opinions, views and ideas are an integral part of the public discussions that take place around issues that effect them directly and indirectly.

Austin Voices for Education and Youth staff assigned to this project:

Amy Averett, Executive Director of Austin Voices for Education and Youth.
B.A. Rice University,
M.P.A./M.S.W. University of Pittsburgh

Tim Eubanks, Lead Community Organizer for Austin Voices for Education and Youth
B.A. Antioch College

Alfredo Santos c/s, Community Organizer for Austin Voices for Education and Youth
A.B. University of California at Berkeley
M.Ed. Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College

Daniel R. Garza, Parent leader

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Enrollment Form for *Social Justice Summer School*

NAME: _____ AGE: _____
Last First

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____ LAST GRADE: _____

HOW WILL YOU GET TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL? _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SUMMER SCHOOL? _____

PREFERRED LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

PARENT PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

This Social Justice Summer School is designed to provide participants with information and insight into the struggles of people to who have fought for social change in the United States over the years. Various points of view about particular struggles will be presented and students are of course encouraged to analyze events with an eye toward understanding events in the context of the time. There is a standing invitation for parents to drop by at any time and sit in on the classes. Instructors for the classes will consist of community activists and students drawn from the surrounding universities. Participation in this Social Justice Summer School is voluntary and students must make their own transportation arrangements to get to and from the sessions. Lunch will be provided. Last but not least, while every effort will be made to insure the safety of all students at all times, the participants and their parents agree to hold harmless the sponsoring organizations of this Social Justice Summer School. Alfredo Santos c/s, will be the coordinator for the Social Justice Summer School and can be reached at 450-1880, 912-1077 or by cell phone at 944-4123.

Permission to participate in this summer school for _____
Student's name

is hereby granted by _____ DATE: _____
Parent or legal guardian

Please return this form to: Austin Voices for Education and Youth
 3710 Cedar Street Suite 229, Box 21
 Austin, Texas 78705

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ANSWER ONE OF THE TWO QUESTIONS BELOW

1. Please describe why you would like to participate in the Social Justice Summer School.

2. Describe someone you know or have read about that worked to change things in America.

Include this statement with your enrollment form.

UPDATES:

- May 17th, 2006 **Mr. Oropez**, Principal at Lanier High School has offered his campus as one of the sites for the Social Justice Summer School.
- Hermelinda Zamarippa**, for the Office of Police Monitor is offering to sponsor lunch on one of the days
- May 18th, 2006 **Anabel Garza**, Principal of the International School at Johnston High School has offered her campus as a site for the Social Justice Summer School.
- May 18th, 2006 **Southwest Key Program, Inc.** has donated \$500.00 toward the food budget and is offering a workshop leader for one of the sessions.
(**Veronice Savage-Delgado** is the contact)
- May 24th, 2006 Met with 5 students from Lanier High School. They are very interested in the project.
- May 25th, 2006 **Isela Gutierrez** with Texas Coalition of Advocacy for Juvenile Justice is offering money and wants to teach a seminar
- Dr. Emilio Zamora** is offering to locate films and provide transportation
- Dr. Angela Valenzuela** is offering to make a financial contribution
- Tommy Flores**, from Taco Cabana is offering food coupons (quesadillas) for two lunches
- May 26th, 2006