

SUMMER SUMMARY

IN THE UNITED STATES

This summer brought another successful camp season as Seeds of Peace graduated over 400 teens plus adult delegation leaders—a record number—during the first two sessions. Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian, Jordanian, Moroccan, Tunisian, Qatari, Yemeni, Indian, Pakistani, Afghan, Cypriot and American Seeds all experienced the magic of the International Camp as they participated in sports and art activities and the intense daily dialogue sessions.



On their trips to Washington DC, Seeds met with **National Security Advisor, Condoleeza Rice**, and with **Secretary of State Colin Powell** and shared their summer experience with these important world leaders. The Seeds went home determined to teach their friends and families about the human side of their “enemies.” As Tomer, an Israeli, and Saeed, a Palestinian agreed, “Even though our nations fight, we know what is right and we can still be friends.”

Added excitement came when NBA and WNBA players visited camp to teach basketball skills. During this third year of the clinic, **Brent Barry of the Spurs**, **Jarron Collins of the Jazz**, **Jason Collins of the Nets**, **Etan Thomas of the Wizards**, and **Carla McGhee of the WNBA Suns** participated. Adding to the fun was **Dave Chappelle** from Comedy Central's *The Chappelle Show* who provided everyone with the day's entertainment!

The camp season concluded with Seeds of Peace's new ground-breaking program, *Beyond Borders*, which brought together over 60 American and Arab teens (including Iraqis and Saudis) as well as 25 adult educators to spend two weeks of political

“All of the young people who make up Seeds of Peace are living proof that people can change, that peace is possible, that attitudes can be changed. All of you are examples for others to follow.”

—The Hon. Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

and cultural exchange. As Sammie of the American delegation commented, “I walked away from camp with a new sense of things around me and where I want to go with my life. I'm making it my duty to get the word out there and to share my experience with as many people as I can.” Part two of the exchange will take place in Jordan in March 2005.

IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Programs at the Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem brought hundreds of Seeds of all years and backgrounds together this summer for activities and seminars. These included advanced dialogue sessions, parent meetings, cultural celebrations, community service projects, school presentations, cross-cultural exchanges, and language courses. One seminar highlight included “Spread the Word” which offered Palestinians and Israelis an opportunity to volunteer and educate their home communities.

In addition, nine Seeds won internships at Middle East media organizations through a partnership with the **Daniel Pearl Foundation**. This project provided the Seeds advanced leadership training and a foundation for a career in journalism. Internship placements included *Al-Ayyam*, *The Youth Times*, *Al Quds Educational Television*, *Just Vision*, *Channel Hop*, *Channel 2*, and *The Jerusalem Report*.

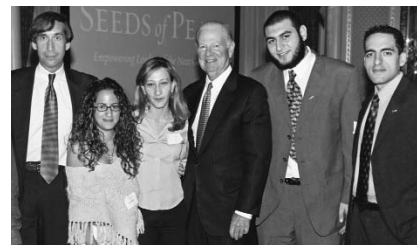
IN SOUTH ASIA

The **India/Pakistan** homestay program continued for a second year this summer as 21 Pakistani Seeds traveled to Mumbai, India. Indian Seeds and their families hosted Pakistani Seeds as they reconnected, continued their dialogue sessions, and created plans for the future. The Seeds conducted school presentations addressing over 1,000 students, teachers, and school officials to discuss their Seeds experiences and their commitment to mutual understanding.

This summer in **Afghanistan**, 20 Afghan Seeds came together in Kabul to discuss

important community issues and how those issues related to their Seeds of Peace experience. Also this summer, **U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad** hosted a reception for the Afghan Seeds and encouraged them to share their experiences with others in their community.

SPECIAL EVENTS



In September, Seeds of Peace held its *Forum on Conflict and Diplomacy* in New York City with **The Hon. James A. Baker, III**, the 61st Secretary of State. The event drew world dignitaries including those from the Middle East. Said Aaron David Miller, “It is incredible that in these difficult circumstances that we could create a table in which the Egyptian, Jordanian, Israeli, and Palestinian Foreign Ministers, and the Secretary General of the Arab League all were in attendance; I guarantee there has not been such a meeting in the last four years.” The forum, a lecture series begun by Seeds of Peace, offers statesmen, diplomats and negotiators an opportunity to discuss the theory and practice of diplomacy. The first lecture, held in April 2004, was with former **Senator George J. Mitchell**.

SAVE THE DATE

February 16, 2005 - Bid for Peace Celebrity Auction at Copacabana, NYC

April 11, 2005 - Forum on Conflict & Diplomacy with Gen. Anthony Zinni, NYC

May 16, 2005 - Seeds of Peace Gala at The Pierre Hotel, NYC

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