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Winter Programs!** | | | |  | | | | *To ensure you receive Global Service corps emails, add* [*gsc@app.topica.com*](mailto:gsc@app.topica.com) *to your address book.*  Now is the time to sign up for our upcoming winter programs. You can sign up for any of our other 2007 programs as well. If you want to come with a group, we can arrange for group trips too. Simply email us at [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org), call us at 415-788-3666 x128, or visit our website.  As a reminder, here are our Program Dates. Other dates may be added.  Two-week, short-term, long-term and internship programs all begin on the same dates unless otherwise noted.   **Tanzania Program Schedule** -------------------------------- 2007 January 8  January 29  February 19  March 12  April 9  April 23  May 14  June 4\* June 18\*\* July 2\* July 23 August 13 September 3 October 22 November 12  \* Only International Health Internship and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care programs available these dates.  \*\* Only Sustainable Agriculture program available this date.    **Thailand Program Schedule** ------------------------------- 2006 December 1  December 29   2007 January 8 January 29  February 26 March 26  April 30  May 28  June 25  July 16  July 30  August 27 September 24  October 29  November 26   All program fees, including airfare, are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.   |  | | --- | | [Visit website for more information](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabtVcLciH0Fme/) | |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | **Tanzania Day Camp Update** | | | |  | | | | GSC’s Day Camp Coordinator, Hannah Reid, recently put the finishing touches on the 2006 HIV/AIDS Peer Education and Life Skills Day Camp Report. The report, which incorporates data from pre and post-tests administered to Day Camp students, illustrates significant and decisive progress among the students regarding their understanding of HIV/AIDS transmission, prevention, and treatment. It also indicates positive changes in the attitudes of students towards people living with HIV/AIDS, sexual relationships, abstinence, fidelity, condom use, gender issues, and youth leadership.  The results are not only encouraging, but indicative of the hard work and dedication put forth by all of the volunteers, counterparts, teachers, students, and other GSC staff taking part in the camps this summer. (To request a copy of the Day Camp Report please send an email to [anna@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:anna@globalservicecorps.org))  In addition, GSC has received positive feedback from each of the Peer Education Health Clubs established at the participating Day Camp schools. Biring’a Health Club, for example, has been meeting regularly and recently conducted several HIV/AIDS educational trainings at Sekei Secondary School. GSC is looking to hire a Peer Education Health Club Coordinator in the near future who will be able to provide continued and additional guidance and support to the Health Clubs throughout the school year.  Due in part to the success of GSC’s HIV/AIDS and Life Skills Day Camp Program in East Africa, GSC is currently partnering with several East Asia-based NGOs to design and implement a similar Day Camp Program in Thailand for the summer of 2007! The camps, to be held in June and July, will include HIV/AIDS and Sexuality Education, as well as EFL training  If you’re interested in learning more about the Thailand or Tanzania Day Camps planned for summer of 2007, please visit our Tanzania DayCamp webpage at [http://www.globalservicecorps.org/d/TZAIDScamp.html,](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabujyHciH0Fme/) or contact our San Francisco office. |  |  | |  | | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | **Thailand Update** | | | |  | | | | After a very strong summer with high numbers of volunteer participants, GSC Thailand is busily planning for the future. GSC’s In-Country Coordinators are working with staff to build on existing relationships with local schools, hospitals, and temples, and other Thailand-based NGOs to provide the best possible service-learning experience for participants and the greatest impact for local communities.   Plans are also in the works to expand GSC’s existing International Healthcare, Education, and Buddhist Immersion programs by offering an option for volunteers to train student leaders at a youth education day camp scheduled for June and July of 2007. The camp will be held over three weekends at selected secondary schools in the Lopburi and Singburi regions with the goal of promoting HIV/AIDS awareness, sexual health, English language skills and youth leadership training.   GSC is also planning to launch its Seeds of Sustenance (SOS) Fellowship Program in Thailand by April 2007. Please refer to the GSC website for future details.  In other news, the military coup in Thailand has had virtually no ill effect on GSC’s operations. With the program based in the Singburi region of central Thailand, there has been no need for alteration of any program as a result of the coup. GSC has been taking every precaution to ensure the safety of its volunteers and will make necessary arrangements for volunteers should the need arise.   |  | | --- | | [More about Thailand programs](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabuizGciH0Fme/) | |  |  | |  | | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | **Volunteer Family's African Essay** | | | |  | | | | *By volunteers, Eileen Sutula and her daughters, Meg and Annie. The Sutulas volunteered with GSC this past summer.*  “It will be life changing”. We heard these words many times from friends, relatives and wise seasoned travelers as we prepared for our month long adventure with Global Service Corps (GSC) in East Africa. In the back of our minds, we each knew that our work in Tanzania would be challenging and a very different experience from our easy life in the US. However, we weren’t certain about the fact that it would “alter” our lives forever. We were wrong.   After months of preparations of filling out forms for GSC, searching for reasonable airfares and travel insurance, acquiring visas and vaccinations, and determining appropriate clothing and backpacks, the day of departure from JFK airport arrived. We were simultaneously exhausted and excited… accompanied with a rather large dose of nervousness.  Twenty hours later, our huge aircraft landed on an extremely dark runway at the Kilimanjaro airport. We were soon greeted by sweet Daphne from the GSC office. Little did we know that her first handshake, accompanied by greetings of “Jambo” and “Shikamoo”, would be the beginning of a love affair with Tanzania and her people.  For the first week in Tanzania, we lived in a hostel with 16 other volunteers from the US and Canada. Over the course of the week, we made friends, and learned of each others’ aspirations and reasons for working with GSC. We adapted to Tanzanian food and life together. The training provided by GSC was intense, but extremely helpful as we prepared for our three weeks of teaching Tanzanians about HIV/AIDS. Volunteers train community members, government groups, farmers groups and students, and also “train the trainers”. The trainers are leaders within those groups who will then carry the message and help educate other community members.   |  | | --- | | [Continue story](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabugI0ciH0Fme/) | |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | **Take Action** | | | |  | | | | *The following quote was sent to us by Pat McVay. It is from a speech given by Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, Director for the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, at George Washington University in Sept 2006.*  "Initiative is how we overcome complacency. People outside CDC have lots more power that people within. If you truly engage people in a problem and energize their imagination there are any number of innovative solutions that you haven’t thought of that will take you where you want to go.” |  |  | |  | | | |  | | | | **Contact Us** | | | |  | | | | We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  To subscribe to this Newsletter, send us an email at [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  Visit our website for more information on all our programs, the schedule and application.   |  | | --- | | [WWW.GLOBALSERVICECORPS.ORG](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabtVcLciH0Fme/) | |  |  | |  | | |      |  | | --- | |  |      |  | | --- | |  | | Contact us: Global Service Corps 300 Broadway Suite 28 San Francisco CA 94133-3312 Email: [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org) Tel: 415-788-3666 x128 Website: www.globalservicecorps.org  © 2006 Global Service Corps  [Website](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maafe6CabtVcLciH0Fme/) | | | | | |

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Applications for 2007 must be submitted by October 1, 2006 for the discount to apply.*   Two-week, short-term, long-term and internship programs all begin on the following dates unless otherwise noted.   **Tanzania Program Schedule** ***2006***  October 23  November 13  ***2007***  January 29 February 19  March 12 April 2  April 23 May 14  June 4\* June 18\*\*  July 2\* July 23  August 13 September 3  October 22 November 12  \* Only International Health Internship and HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care programs available these dates.  \*\* Only Sustainable Agriculture programs available these dates.   **Thailand Program Schedule** ***2006*** November 3 December 1  December 29  ***2007*** February 2 March 2  March 30\* April 27  June 1 June 15  June 29 July 13  August 3 August 31  September 28\* November 2  November 2 November 30  \*Due to school vacations, in the months of April and October, volunteer opportunities in Thai schools are limited. The TH Education programs during this time will consist of special projects and a day camp.   *All program fees, including airfare, are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.*   |  | | --- | | [More Info on our Website](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maae6yEabsTKmaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Tanzania Video Event in Jan 2007** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Global Service Corps Presents the Video "Combating AIDS and Hunger in Africa" - Coming January 2007  We are proud to announce the premier of a new video “Combating AIDS and Hunger in Africa” in late January, 2007. During the viewing, you will get a glimpse into Tanzanian life, as experienced through our HIV/AIDS Education, Sustainable Agriculture, and Nutrition service-learning programs. This film brings to life the daily struggles and rewards of the local community, and gives a true sense of Tanzania’s vibrant, diverse, and welcoming culture.  Following this 15-minute film will be a conversation with Sistie Moffitt, director/cinematographer, and former GSC fellow. She, along with various guests, will discuss the joys and the difficulties they encountered in Tanzania, during the shooting of the film and beyond. More details and definite date to come! Contact email: [events@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:events@globalservicecorps.org)   |  | | --- | | [Tanzania Programs and Video](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maae6yEabs0uFaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Contact Us** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  To subscribe to this Newsletter, send us an email at [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  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All received certificates.  *The Arusha Times* reported the news in a long story in their July 8-14 issue.  GSC volunteers worked collaboratively with local teachers, peer educators, and translators to teach the course. Each summer, GSC’s Tanzania HIV/AIDS Prevention volunteers help lead the HIV/AIDS Day Camp.  HIV/AIDS is rampant among the African youth of 15 to 24 years of age. By educating these young people on the risks of contracting HIV/AIDS and ways to prevent getting it, GSC volunteers aim to reduce the spread of the disease and its devastating consequences. The camps are designed to be an interactive way for students to learn about HIV/AIDS, prevention, relationships and sexuality in a fun, creative, and ultimately sustainable manner.   The volunteers also introduced the students to vocational studies, so as to enable them to be self-reliant after leaving school.  The guest of honour at the graduation ceremony, Peter A. K. Njambi, the Chief Zonal Inspector of Schools, North-western zone, asked the students to share their newly acquired knowledge with their colleagues, friends and families. Njambi insisted that education is the best weapon in the fight against the ravaging disease - how to avoid and control its spread. He advised the students to establish clubs in their respective schools for the purpose of disseminating knowledge.  The camp is supervised by the day camp Director, Tara Bukow, in collaboration with camp Coordinator, Hannah Reid.   |  | | --- | | [More about Day Camp program](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeZ98abr5GTaaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **New Email Addresses** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | We now have new email addresses. Please change your records and contact us at these new addresses.  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| |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER Volunteering & Internships | | |  |  |  |  | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | A Journey of the Soul - Doctor's poetic story of Thai/Tsunami service | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Tanzania Fellowship Update | | |  |  |  |  | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Life as a GSC Participant in Tanzania | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Contact Us | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Volunteering: Does it really help?** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | *By Jan Taylor, recent Global Service Corps volunteer*  You would have to be pretty soulless to remain unmoved by Africa’s current woes. Thanks to TV news, tales about Africans dying on an epic scale from famine, war and disease, seem to intrude almost daily into our comfortable lives here in the developed world. So what’s to be done?  We can lobby our politicians about Third World debt (while accepting that their actions are rarely altruistic and are never as `generous’ as they appear). Or we can give to charities (while wondering how much gets through to those who actually need it). But there is another option: you can cut out the middlemen and go to troubled countries direct, offering practical service as a volunteer. But this, too, presents dilemmas.  Earlier this year I fulfilled a lifelong ambition by spending a month as a volunteer in Tanzania.....   |  | | --- | | [Continue Jan's story](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeFEHabp4QVaaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **A Journey of the Soul - Doctor's poetic story of Thai/Tsunami service** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Dr. Elizabeth A. Garcia-Gray joined our program last year during the Tsunami crisis. Volunteering in Thailand and providing crucial psychiatric service to the traumatized victims earned her the President's Service Award. Elizabeth's Thai experience gave her the skills to just recently lead medical service teams in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Poetically, incisively and emotionally, she tells us what it was like, the love she felt, and the lessons she learned.  A PSYCHIATRIST'S JOURNAL - HER THAILAND MISSION PROJECT TRIP with GSC By Elizabeth A. Garcia-Gray, MD  *A Cultural and Psychiatric Immersion/Tsunami Relief*  The Tsunami devastation shocked the world. Especially when it hit places and people who were innocently unprepared for the devastation. The countless number of lives lost all at once, and the children and families left behind and displaced, struck a resonating compassionate chord in many of our hearts. It certainly did in mine. (...)  In Emily Dickinson's “Not in Vain”, she sensitively described the hearts of volunteers around the world:  If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain. If I can ease one life the aching Or cool one pain Or help one fainting robin Unto his nest again I shall not live in vain.  That was how I started this journey. It was a journey of the soul...   |  | | --- | | [Continue Elizabeth's Story](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeFEHabp4J5aaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Life as a GSC Participant in Tanzania** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | *By Michelle McKeever* At first, I couldn’t believe it. I was just in plain shock. It had to be there. My eyes scanned the room desperately. It was still missing. It may really be gone! (...) My pack and things had all been right there, against my chair, inches away from my foot, as I had intensely typed this outgoing email at the Internet Café. I had risked watching my pack to write the following. The email went:  Hi there Everyone!  We taught today out in a rural community - farmers who want the HIV education to train their communities. We held classes outside, under an awning. (By choice, I walked, like the villagers do, 7 km to get there.) In the afternoon, we taught another class to 15-20 yr old girls lucky enough to attend a vocational sewing program. With an estimated 30% HIV+ rate in this community, today was the "condom use" lesson. The students knew how important it was to learn about this, but they were so afraid. One girl was shaking, another one cried when she practiced putting a condom on the dark dildo. But what else can we do? We stress abstinence in our classes, but most women do not have the choice to abstain. Some are given away with a dowry. They’ll probably need to use condoms at some point.  After weeks volunteering in Arusha, I had such a wonderful weekend getaway - went on 2 safaris. I can't wait to show you the photos -- the Land Rover kept stopping for the herds of zebras on the road! I kept thinking of "The Lion King." I had to laugh at the skittish warthogs speeding across the path prancing off with their long stringy black tails straight up in the air. Oh, and we saw a large lion trying to mate -- but it appeared the female lioness had received some of our AIDS prevention training. ...   |  | | --- | | [Continue Michelle's story](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeFEHabqLeSaaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER Volunteering & Internships** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | SCHEDULES FOR BOTH COUNTRIES  Sign up early to avoid late fees! (Late fees apply to registrations after the 60 day deadline.)   TANZANIA:  June 19\*\* .............. Jul 3\* ................Jul 24 Aug 14 ................... Sep 4  \*HIV/AIDS only \*\*Sustainable Agriculture only  THAILAND:  Jun 16 .................. Jun 30 ................... July 14 Aug 4 ................... Sep 1 .................... Sep 29  All program fees including airfare are tax deductible! (100% in US. Varies in other countries).  Visit our Website for more information   |  | | --- | | [See Website for More Info on Dates & Schedules](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeFEHabpwP6aaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Tanzania Fellowship Update** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | The Seeds of Sustenance (SOS) Fellowship Program is currently gearing up for the launch of the Third Bi-Annual Fellowship Program. Training will begin in July in Arusha, Tanzania. After two successful years of fellow placement and cooperation with our participating organization partners in East African development, we are looking forward to another year of education and capacity building in rural Tanzania. We will also be further expanding our HIV/AIDS, Nutrition and Agricultural programs throughout East Africa.   Hannah Reid, the SOS Program Coordinator in GSC’s San Francisco office, is busy recruiting the July 2006 “class” of fellows. This year’s pool of candidates is stunning – highly qualified both academically and professionally, and possessing extraordinary international experience, from working for the World Health Organization in Rwanda to volunteering with the Peace Corps in the Kingdom of Tonga. Needless to say, we are thrilled with the interest the SOS Program has generated this year. At the same time, we are not looking forward to the very difficult selection process.   Our current fellows in the field with participating organizations FAO, DAI and GSC-TZ, are almost too busy to check in, but report (when there is time) great progress in their work. Tara Bukow, a fellow with GSC Tanzania, is especially busy organizing GSC’s HIV/AIDS Youth Training Summer Day Camp for high school students in the Arusha area. The 300 local students currently signed up for the summer camp will be trained in HIV/AIDS prevention education by GSC fellows and volunteers, and will rejoin their fellow students next year as peer educators.   That’s all from SOS! Looking forward to a busy summer in Africa!   |  | | --- | | [READ MORE ABOUT FELLOWSHIP](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaeFEHabp0Alaaaaaae/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Contact Us** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  To subscribe to this Newsletter, send us an email at [gsc@earthisland.org](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  To subscribe to the GSC HIV/AIDS Newsletter, send us an email with "Subscribe to GSC HIV/AIDS Newsletter" in subject.  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