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Every child deserves this experience.  
— Manuel Labrador, Teacher



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If we are to reach real peace in the world... we shall have to begin with the children. — Gandhi

## The Mosaic Project

**OUR MISSION**  
The Mosaic Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works towards a peaceful future by reaching children in their formative years.

**UNITE EDUCATE EMPOWER**

We unite young children of diverse backgrounds, provide them with essential skills to thrive in an increasingly diverse society, and empower them to strive for peace.



We create a microcosm of the diverse, inclusive, just world we want to see and show our young students that *peace is possible*.

We seed the future population of middle schools, high schools, and all the venues of adult life with thousands of individuals who have seen a new possibility of what the world can be. Not only are our students inspired to work towards peace, they have been given concrete skills to do so and are empowered to take action.

## Our Outdoor School

Given our world situation today, it is not enough just to teach children about peace. We must give them the chance to live peace. — Lara Mendel, Executive Director

The Mosaic Project's principal program is our unique human-relations outdoor school. This dynamic 4-night, 5-day experience for fourth and fifth graders is offered during the school week. Three classes from schools that differ markedly in socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic make-up participate in the program together, giving the students the opportunity to experience firsthand a diverse setting in which all are welcomed and respected. While typical outdoor schools focus on environmental science, ours addresses issues of difference and builds self-esteem and community.

Our students never forget this inspiring learning experience. We reach them before negative attitudes surrounding difference become entrenched and we enable them to live with, learn from, and

**I will never forget this experience, for it has been one of the best weeks in my 10 years of life... I bet if everyone in the world went to The Mosaic Project, the world would be a better place. But of course that can't happen, because it's not big enough to fit the billions of people out there. But if you pass on what you have learned... the world can be a better place. One person CAN make a difference if they try. That one person can be YOU. — Maddie, Student**



befriend others with whom they would not ordinarily interact. Together in a beautiful, natural setting, they begin to recognize their

commonalities and gain respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of all individuals, including themselves. They are encouraged to overcome ignorance and insecurities which can lead to fear of difference, prejudice, discrimination, hatred, and violence. We provide our students with the profound, personal experience of building an inclusive, egalitarian community across race, culture, and class barriers, inspiring and empowering them to create such communities throughout their lives.

## Our Supporting Programs



I saw kids just adoring their cabin leaders. The age span is perfect and the high schoolers performed beautifully as role models. These relationships make the Mosaic experience especially powerful for the kids.

— Lesley Bell, Teacher

### THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT

We offer leadership training for high-school students who serve as mentors for the 4th and 5th graders at our outdoor school. The Project's curriculum addresses issues of difference while building leadership skills. The youth leaders undergo extensive training prior to arriving at the outdoor school. Once there, the training continues as they serve as cabin leaders for a session, putting theory into practice.



At Mosaic, for the first time I found myself honestly integrated into a diverse community. Because of this experience, I know what is possible and am inspired to take action toward a more peaceful future.

— Ariel, Youth Leader

### IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND ASSEMBLIES

To prepare students for our outdoor school program, we partner with schools to coordinate ongoing in-school workshops and assemblies that begin as early as kindergarten. These programs continue after the intensive outdoor school experience to reinforce lessons learned.

The diversity of the staff is so profound for the kids and so rare for them to experience. Over and over again the students talked about how much they loved the staff.

— Dyanthe McDougal, Teacher



The Mosaic Project staff were amazing! Their enthusiasm and energy coupled with their gentle approach set the stage for magic to happen.

— Sister Lolita Krebsbach, Teacher

### CUSTOM DESIGNED WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

We create and facilitate programs specially designed for educators, classrooms, and youth groups. Popular topics include developing empathy, appreciating differences, positive discipline, assertiveness skills, and addressing bullying.

I have worked and been involved with social justice issues for over 25 years. I believe that the work of The Mosaic Project is the most important in the world right now. It creates crucial bridges towards a peaceful world.

— Laurie Grossman, School Administrator



## Our Curriculum

Mosaic should be included in the curriculum of every school!

— Luis Suarez, Teacher

All of our programs emphasize building self-esteem and community and empower students to create a peaceful future. In particular, we focus on four themes:

- The celebration of diversity and awareness of stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination
- Respect for and appreciation of self and others
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Communication and nonviolent conflict resolution (including listening skills, expressing feelings productively, assertiveness, and empathy)

Our innovative curriculum is experiential. Learning at Mosaic becomes a magical adventure as the curriculum comes to life through hands-on activities, interactive theater, games, role-plays, discussions, stories, and original songs. Our musical curriculum has received rave reviews and is available on CD.

My daughter seemed different after she came back. She had a new confidence and had loved every moment of her time with all of you... The Mosaic Project's plan to change the world seems possible.

— Joanna King, Parent



My 4th and 5th graders returned determined to better understand each other and the greater community. The Mosaic Project has made our school environment more understanding and accepting.

— Kevin Eagleson, Principal