

The Peace Booth at the North Carolina State Fair

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Dear Friends of The Peace Booth,

The warmaking of the U.S. Empire is overwhelming us. Two years into the U.S. proxy war with Russia now includes U.S. weapons being used by Ukraine to bomb Russia directly, with no efforts for a truce on the table.

In the last year, billions of dollars' worth of U.S. weapons have been used to slaughter tens of thousands of civilians in Gaza. All this while the U.S. arms Taiwan and prepares for a war with China. Still, billions more of our tax dollars are funding the Space Force, the newest branch of the U.S. war machine that will take war into another treacherous realm.

Now, we are hearing talk of World War 3, which brings with it the very real risk of nuclear war. Never in human history have plans for the use of nuclear weapons been proclaimed by so many world leaders. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist Doomsday Clock stands at 90 seconds to midnight, the closest it's ever been to Armageddon.

In the midst of this madness we must put forth the message: "Picture Peace," which will be our theme at this year's N.C. State Fair Peace Booth.

In this presidential election year, the tone at The Fair will be intense and formidable. But we at The Peace Booth must provide the steady hand of reason and continue to push the truth that violence and war never work.

Our message is crucial if we want to save Creation from the perils of war and global warming. Yes, we must "Picture Peace."

The Peace Booth, which runs from October 17-27, offers fairgoers the message that Peace and Nonviolence can work. We need volunteers and financial support. It is a collective effort, and we hope you can join us in person. Staffing The Peace Booth requires more than 130 volunteers, while the annual cost to operate The Booth is more than \$3,000.

Here's how you can help:

- 🔊 Please make a donation toward the cost of operating The Peace Booth, which runs for 11 days.
- 🔊 Please sign up to volunteer for a 2- or 3-hour shift working in The Peace Booth. All volunteers receive a free entry ticket - a \$13 value - to The State Fair. We also need churches and other groups to consider staffing the Peace Booth together on a specific day.
- 🔊 Consider becoming a member of The Peace Booth Steering Committee.
- 🔊 We also welcome any suggestions. Send them to info@ncpeacebooth.org

Shalom,

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Veterans for Peace

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- > Yes, I would like to help continue this great work. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____. Please list my/my group's name on the donor list as follows: _____.
- > My church/peace group would like to staff the Peace Booth for a half day.
 - Please contact me, _____, to make arrangements.
 - Phone number(s): _____.
- > I, _____, can personally volunteer to staff the Peace Booth for two hours on the following date(s) in October: 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27. I understand a free pass to the fair will be available. Phone number(s): _____.
- > I, _____, can be available for: Set up on Wednesday, October 16 (6 PM) Take down on Sunday, October 27 (8-9 PM). Phone number(s): _____.

Please return bottom portion to: **The Peace Booth**, 510 Langhorne Dr, Durham NC 27703 (Note the new address!)

To learn more about the Peace Booth, visit ncpeacebooth.org