

# PeaceJam

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PeaceJam is bringing 1976 Nobel Peace Laureate, Betty Williams to Houston for a Youth Conference on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## COLLEGE AGE VOLUNTEERS

Apply today to be one of only 40 college students to attend this incredible youth conference!!.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to meet and work with a Nobel Peace Prize Winner and mentor high school youth age youth!

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Betty Williams is from Belfast, Northern Ireland. After witnessing the senseless deaths of three children on August 10, 1976, Betty immediately began circulating petitions against the violence occurring in her country. Within forty-eight hours she had obtained over 6,000 signatures. One day later she and the children's aunt, Mairead Corrigan, organized a peace march of 10,000 Protestant and Catholic women. The march was disrupted by members of the Irish Republican Army, and the following week the two women organized a second march. This time they were 35,000 strong.

Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan were both awarded the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of their "extraordinary action to end sectarian violence and build a foundation for peace." Since receiving the Peace Prize, Betty has traveled the world working in areas where peace and the well-being of children are at risk.

Betty Williams is featured in the Nickelback video for their hit song "If Everyone Cared". Look for it on [nickelback.com](http://nickelback.com) or YouTube.



Betty is pictured on the far left in 1976.



Betty Williams pictured with the Dalai Lama.

# MENTOR APPLICATION PACKET

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## What is a PeaceJam Mentor?

A PeaceJam Mentor is a person between the ages of 18-29 who facilitates a small group of the same teenaged youth throughout the PeaceJam Youth Conference. The PeaceJam Youth Conference will feature Nobel Peace Laureate Betty Williams and will be held on the University of Houston campus in March of 2008.

## How much time is involved in mentoring for the PeaceJam Slam?

- The PeaceJam Youth Conference is two full days, Saturday and Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A PeaceJam Mentor is required to attend the entire conference (both full days).
- **Mentors** are required to attend **two** training sessions. The sessions are six-hours long and will cover all details of the mentor responsibilities as well as skill building for your mentorship role. See below for dates.

## Required Training Dates:

### **New Mentor Training**

Saturday, February 16, 2008 (9:00-3:00)

UH GCSW Bldg. Rm 441

Donation of \$25 is requested to cover food & materials

(more details upon registration)

**\*\*If you cannot attend this training a make-up session will be scheduled for early March**

### **Final Mentor Training (for all accepted mentors)**

Friday, March 28, 2008 (11:00-5:00)

UH University Center

No Cost

(training by PeaceJam Headquarter Staff)

## Other Requirements-

There is no conference registration fee for Mentors, but there is a background check fee of \$10.00.

### Background Check-

PeaceJam requires all Mentors to submit a criminal background check once per year to ensure the safety of the youth involved in the PeaceJam Program. **In order for these checks to be performed, please include a check or money order for \$10.00 made payable to UH-GCSW PeaceJam.**

The results of the background check will be reviewed by the Greater Texas PeaceJam Affiliate and held in confidence unless the check reveals prior felony or misdemeanor classified as an offense against a person or family, or public indecency. The results of your criminal background check may disqualify you from participating as a Mentor for the PeaceJam Foundation

## **THIS APPLICATION IS DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2008**

Complete the following application and return electronically or in hard copy to:

### **Greater Texas PeaceJam**

c/o UH Graduate College of Social Work

237 Social Work Building – Rm 331

Houston, Texas 77204-4013

Fax 7113.743.8149

Email: [pjam@cental.uh.edu](mailto:pjam@cental.uh.edu)



Why are you interested in becoming a mentor and why do you believe you would make an effective mentor? (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Please list the names of two references, not related to you, who can comment on your interaction with youth or your desire to work with youth:

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time known: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of or do you have any pending violations of law (any felony or misdemeanor classified as an offense against a person or family, public indecency or a violation involving a stat or federally controlled substance) other than minor traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please read and initial each of the following paragraphs as indications of your agreement:**

I, the undersigned, certify that all information provided on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation on this statement will result in my immediate disqualification as a PeaceJam Mentor. I understand that UH PeaceJam will verify the information I have provided above.  
\_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I understand that being a PeaceJam Mentor involves attending two mandatory trainings and presence at the entire PeaceJam event for which I am applying to mentor. I also understand that I will be responsible for co-facilitating a group of 10-15 high school age students while at the PeaceJam event. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I give permission for PeaceJam Foundation staff to request a background check as part of the screening for entrance into this program and I agree to provide the fee for this check. This may include verification of personal and employment references as well as criminal check with the local authorities. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I hereby release PeaceJam, its board, as well as all providers of information, from any liability related to furnishing and receiving information related to arrests and convictions. Should any information in this application change, I agree to notify the program coordinator in writing within 30 days. \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_