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## CORRESPOND WITH A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

*BRING A REAL-LIFE EXPLORER into your classroom by joining the Coverdell World Wise Schools global learning program! World Wise Schools offers teachers a variety of educational materials designed to engage students in grades 3–12 in an inquiry about themselves and the world.*

Since 1989, the Coverdell World Wise Schools program has helped more than two million U.S. students communicate directly with Peace Corps Volunteers in over 80 countries. Through the exchange of letters, artwork, artifacts, and other educational materials, Peace

Corps Volunteers lead your students in an exploration of the countries and cultures of the world. Teachers enrolled in the correspondence match program automatically receive a correspondence handbook and monthly news briefs.

## OUR CLASSROOM RESOURCES

### CURRICULUM MATERIALS

World Wise Schools offers teachers a variety of educational materials designed to introduce students in grades 3–12 to the cultures of the world. Included in our collection are the award-winning “Destination” video series and the highly acclaimed teacher’s guide *Looking at Ourselves and Others*. *Uncommon Journeys*, *Insights From the Field* and *Voices From the Field*, books that offer language arts and social studies lessons in association with the writings of Peace Corps Volunteers, are available free on the Peace Corps website.

### [WWW.PEACECORPS.GOV/WWS](http://WWW.PEACECORPS.GOV/WWS)

The World Wise Schools website provides educators with access to a wide variety of curriculum resources, including lesson plans (indexed by grade, subject, and geographical area), “Destination” videos, folk tales, maps, essays, interviews, and photographs from around the world. In addition, the site features resources that are available only online, such as CyberVolunteer, “Water in Africa,” *Culture Matters*, and service learning. Visit [www.peacecorps.gov/wws](http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws).

### BUILDING BRIDGES

Through the World Wise Schools website, teachers have access to the signature resource of the program—*Building Bridges: A Peace Corps Classroom Guide to Cross-Cultural Understanding*. This publication, for grades 6 to 12, provides a dozen lesson plans for teachers to use in helping students familiarize themselves with their own culture and better understand other cultures—in their school, community, and worldwide. Published in partnership with the National Geographic Society Education Foundation, the booklet is available in print and on the Internet at [www.peacecorps.gov/wws/bridges/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/bridges/).

### “WATER IN AFRICA”

A creative online learning module, “Water in Africa” features standards-based lesson plans revolving around photos and stories submitted by more than 90 Volunteers serving in Africa. The module is designed for flexibility, encouraging teachers and students to research information on Africa-related themes, the environment, the uses and availability of water, and the Peace Corps. Visit [www.peacecorps.gov/wws/water/africa/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/water/africa/).

### MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

Each month, World Wise Schools sends a brief message highlighting new curriculum materials, special events, and opportunities for educators. It’s a quick, efficient way to stay up-to-date on our latest information.

### SERVICE LEARNING RESOURCES

You can make a difference in your school and community with World Wise Schools’ service learning resources. The service learning section of the World Wise Schools website features project ideas, lesson plans, guides to standards, and advice and suggestions from former Peace Corps Volunteers for service projects in schools and communities. Visit [www.peacecorps.gov/wws/service/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/service/).

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# CORRESPONDENCE MATCH PROGRAM TEACHER ENROLLMENT FORM

**YES,**

I want to join the Coverdell World Wise Schools global community.

**Sign me up!**

**Directions:**

Please print clearly and verify your school's complete mailing address with your school's main office. After you complete this form, please mail to

**Peace Corps**

**Coverdell World Wise Schools  
1111 20th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20526**

or fax to

**202.692.1421**

**Questions?**

Feel free to contact us at

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or call 800.424.8580, ext.1450

**EDUCATOR INFORMATION**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

School phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade taught \_\_\_\_\_ Number of participating students \_\_\_\_\_

What do you teach? Please indicate below:  
 Social Studies     Science  
 ESL     Language Arts  
 Math     Spanish  
 Geography     Art  
 French     History  
 Gifted  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Did you serve in the Peace Corps? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please name the country and years: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Peace Corps Fellow? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Coverdell World Wise Schools? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MATCH**

I want to be matched to a Volunteer currently living and working overseas. I understand I am expected to write to the Volunteer and pay my own postage cost. I also understand I may have to wait until a Volunteer becomes available to be matched.

If there is a specific Volunteer with whom you would like to correspond, please indicate:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of service \_\_\_\_\_

**GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE:**

Choose three areas and rank them in order of preference for your correspondence match. Your first choice may not be available due to geographic distribution of Volunteers.

- \_\_\_ Africa
- \_\_\_ Mediterranean/Eastern Europe/Central Asia
- \_\_\_ Central/South America
- \_\_\_ East Asia/Pacific Islands
- \_\_\_ French Speaking    \_\_\_ Spanish Speaking
- \_\_\_ No preference

**OPTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Using the scale below, please describe your students. World Wise Schools is dedicated to bringing global education to a diverse population. By answering these optional questions, you will help us reach this goal.

- \_\_\_ American Indian or Alaska Native
- \_\_\_ Asian or Pacific Islander
- \_\_\_ Black (not of Hispanic origin)
- \_\_\_ Hispanic
- \_\_\_ White (not of Hispanic origin)
- \_\_\_ Other

Please describe your school: (check all that apply)

- Public     Urban
- Private     Rural
- Parochial     Suburban
- Home     Not a school
- Year-round

A: Under 10%	B: 11-25%	C: 26-50%	D: Over 50%
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- Periodically, we receive requests for information from the media, Congress, returned Volunteer groups, or educational institutions. May we release information about you (name, school, and school address only) to these groups?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- May we quote you in our materials? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Educator's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Peace Corps Act (22 USC § 2501 et seq.) authorizes this collection of information. It will be used to enroll classroom teachers in the World Wise Schools program to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people. Providing the information herein requested is voluntary. Estimated completion time: 10 minutes. Send comments on this form to Peace Corps, Paperwork Reduction Project, Washington, D.C. 20526. OMB control number: 0420-0513. The Peace Corps may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Continuous use form. Feel free to make copies of this form to share with your colleagues.