

Team Affiliation Program

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Ultimate Peace in the Middle East

April 1-5, 2009

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ULTI-MATES

<http://tinyurl.com/b7ha43>

Dear fellow Ultimate players,

We would like to tell you about an exciting new Ultimate organization that is about to do some groundbreaking work with our sport. As an established Ultimate Club we hope you will find the project inspiring and want to become involved.

⊙ **What is Ultimate Peace?** Ultimate Peace (UP in short) is a new organization conceived to build bridges of friendship and understanding for youth from different social and cultural backgrounds around the world. With a focus on fun and education, not politics, we use the exhilarating and character-building sport of Ultimate Frisbee as our primary tool to develop understanding, trust, and friendship, one game at a time. www.ultimatepeace.org

⊙ **Our First Event: Ultimate Peace in the Middle East** - In April 2009, disadvantaged youth from Palestinian and Jewish communities in the West Bank and within Israel will come together to learn, play and bond around the sport of Ultimate. This event will serve as the base for developing an on-going project in the region.

⊙ **The Team Affiliation Program:** Our vision is to engage the existing global Ultimate community as our most important partners in Ultimate Peace. We believe that **teams and their members around the world - are key players in this project**. It is the people of the Ultimate community who will be the future educators, coaches, organizers, and role models as Ultimate Peace grows.

As part of our **Team Affiliation Program**, 12 teams will be designated "**Ulti-Mates**". These selected teams play an especially critical role in the development of the Ultimate Peace program. The role of an **Ulti-Mate** team is to support one of the "developing" teams that participate in an Ultimate Peace event.



⊙ Five could not be more excited to be involved with Ultimate Peace.

Being involved in Ultimate and exposed to SOTG at a young age was a formative component of our lives. We try to find ways to give back to the ultimate community and Ultimate Peace is a perfect opportunity for us to do just that.

www.fiveultimate.com

How you can help? We would like to ask you, as the leading organizing body in your community, to pass along the information about our affiliation program to teams in your area. We need all the support we can get now, as our event is in this coming April 2009.

Info to send to the teams on your club

- Email example / template for a team: <http://tinyurl.com/bjp2pg>
- Team Affiliation Program: <http://tinyurl.com/avacot>
- **Ulti-Mates** special opportunity: <http://tinyurl.com/b7ha43>

⊙ **Quick links for further reference**

- Team Affiliation Program web page: <http://www.ultimatepeace.org/donate/up-tap/>
- Join the online community: <http://www.facebook.com/ultimatepeace>

Needless to say, we would certainly welcome and greatly appreciate any level of donation your club could make at this time as well. Every little bit helps.

Please feel free to pass this along to other clubs.

Thank you for your support

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⊙ The Hamilton Ultimate Club from Ontario, Canada believes your organization is doing amazing work world wide. Each year we try to help out charities locally and globally.

We would definitely like to keep in touch and build a relationship for the future! Ultimate is life! :)

Steve Robinson,
 President HUC

<http://www.hamiltonultimate.com/>

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"We must use sport for the purpose of promoting all the ideas we think will lead to peace & stability."
Nelson Mandela

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⊙ **Why Ultimate, not Soccer or Basketball?** Ultimate Frisbee is the ideal team sport for uniting people on the playing field in a divided region. This non-contact field sport is played with 7 people on each team, and combines fast-paced action with the need for exceptional team coordination. All that is required is a plastic flying disc. Most importantly, unlike any other sport, it prioritizes personal responsibility, mutual respect between opponents, and fair play over winning. <http://www.ultimatepeace.org/why-ultimate>



"Ultimate is really life, the way it should be, squeezed into a game."
 Sonja (14) Ultimate player

⊙ **Our First Event: Ultimate Peace in the Middle East** - In April 2009, disadvantaged youth from Palestinian and Jewish communities in the West Bank and within Israel will come together to learn, play and bond around the sport of Ultimate (as it is commonly called), one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

⊙ **Our Partner: Peres Center for Peace** – The Peres Center for Peace, an organization that specializes in bringing together Israeli and Palestinian youth and adults, will facilitate pre-event orientation for local teachers and coaches with Ultimate Peace staff. The Peres Center will also arrange for all transportation, security, and oversight for 150 youth participating from all over the region: Sderot, Bear Tuvia, Kiryat Gat, Kiryat Malachi, Jericho, Tul Karem, Bait Sacher, and Ain Rafa. <http://peres-center.org/SectionProject.asp?cc=01160212>

⊙ **Who Are the Coaches?** – This select volunteer team of dynamic players/coaches will come from around the USA. They are taking time off from work/school, raising funds for their own flights, and will be staying with local families for the events. Team U.P. will be led by Dr. David Barkan, a facilitator and consultant to social change efforts around the USA, and a longtime standout competitor and coach in the sport of Ultimate.

⊙ **What Happens at the Event?** - Ultimate Peace coaches will convene instructional workshops and fun interactive games for 12 existing cross-cultural youth sports teams and their coaches. The event at Park Hayarkon in Tel Aviv will conclude with a multi-team tournament and community celebration. Youth will be equipped with uniforms and gear to foster continued play at home.

⊙ **What Happens After the Event?** Coaches will travel back to each of the communities to promote continuity and growth. The goal is to build the capacity for ongoing sustainable Ultimate programs in this region.

⊙ **Why Now?** With violence rampant and tensions high in the Middle East, positive activities are critical. Now is the time to plant seeds of peace, hope, and leadership. These children deserve the chance to play, just play.

⊙ **Immediate Needs:** Sponsorship, seed money, in-kind donations. <http://www.ultimatepeace.org/donate/>

⊙ **Media Exposure:** Strong interest from CNN International, Israeli Television, and others
 See the SF Bay Area J article: http://farm4.static.flickr.com/3118/3242084143_c69e9d0942_b.jpg

⊙ **Contacts:** USA - David Barkan – (415) 482-8852; Israel – Dori Yaniv - 972-52-3399606

⊙ **Watch:** Peres Center for Peace sports video, then imagine the youth playing Ultimate and chasing a floating flying disc. That is Ultimate Peace. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEGyHhZavYU>

⊙ **Join:** Support us and get updates thought our online community <http://www.facebook.com/ultimatepeace>

"Sport has an unparalleled ability to overcome barriers of language, politics and religion, especially a sport like Ultimate Frisbee, which emphasizes fair play, team cooperation and mutual respect. We are thrilled to be part of this important initiative (Ultimate Peace)". **Gal Peleg, Director of Sports - Peres Center for Peace**