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Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida is *your* group—please join us for fun get-togethers, community service activities, job/life networking, great events, stimulating conversation, and much more. Read on and get involved!



Newsletter

February 2018

Last Call...

For volunteers, that is! This **Saturday, February 3rd**, is our **19th Annual Everglades Outing**. The kids are excited. The goodie bags are packed. We're just about ready. All we need is you! If you're interested in joining us, RSVP so we can plan a volunteer assignment for you. We hope to see you there!



The event starts at the [Ernest F. Coe Visitor's Center](#) at **Everglades National Park**

at **8:30 a.m.** Email Lindsey at lnieratka@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!

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Call for Photo Submissions

Our friends at RPCV Madison are starting to plan for their **2020 International Calendar** and are looking for some help. Do you have some **amazing photos** from your Peace Corps travels? (Of course you do.) The deadline is **February 15th**, so take a quick stroll down memory lane and pick your best shots to submit. Just for submitting an entry, you'll receive a complimentary copy of the calendar. If your photo is selected, you'll receive 25 free calendars! Please [see the guidelines](#) on our website.

If you have questions, please contact the Photo Coordinator at submissions@rpcvcalendar.org with any questions.

Email Coordinator

Fair Trade Update

With our 2017 **donations** to [HELP](#) plus the donation match, our organization provided **\$4,843.02**, which covers **almost the entire cost of tuition**, as well as **room and board** for one Haitian student for a whole year. HELP and RPCVSF thank you for your generosity and support.

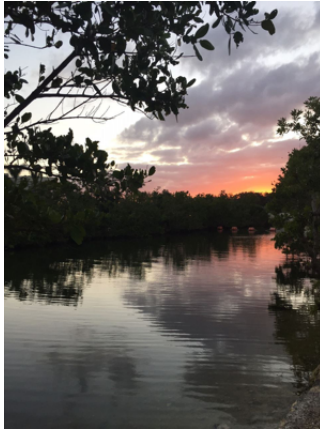


Your purchases make a difference! Since 2005, the Fair Trade Market has purchased **\$33,156** worth of items and goods from local artisans and the donated profits total **\$27,436**. By shopping at our Fair Trade market, you help support local artisans at a grassroots level and give back to one of three main organizations: HELP, Global Mamas, or funding microloans for The Columbia Project.

Upcoming Events

Deering Point Cleanup

February 24, 2018



RPCVSF will be joining [We Are Nature](#) for a **Coastal Cleanup** at Deering Point. This beautiful location is right on **Biscayne Bay** and is a great kayak launch point as well as a popular fishing destination. However, where there are people, there's garbage. Join us in **beautifying this location** from 9am–12pm. Deering Point is located at [17350 Old Cutler Road Miami, FL 33157](#) and free parking is available. Email [Jen Wos](#) (RPCV Turkmenistan) for more information or RSVP below. See you there!

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Cycle for a Good Cause

March 3–4, 2018

Want to go on a **bike ride** with us? We're putting a group together for this year's [Bike MS fundraiser ride](#) from [FIU Stadium](#) to Key Largo with the RPCVSF crew. It's a long one, but remember, South Florida is flat, there are plenty of rest stops, AND it's for a good cause. So, tune up that old road bike in your garage and cycle with us to **support multiple sclerosis research!**



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Save the Date: Bon Voyage Picnic

April 22, 2018

The annual **Bon Voyage Picnic** is coming soon. Celebrate Earth Day and help send off the latest invitees to their Peace Corps adventures. The picnic will be held at [A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park](#) in Shelter 3. More details coming soon. Stay tuned!

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Volunteer Opportunity

Global Field Academy

The [Global Field Academy](#) is [Educate Tomorrow](#)'s new initiative, which seeks to pair professionals, artists, and the like with students to **create a non-traditional learning space**. They are looking for **volunteers and tutors** to work with youth from Pre-K to 12th grade. They do two field days per week and three workshop days per week, and they are always looking for great guides and educators. If you have time and energy to share as an academic or extracurricular tutor/guide, Virginia would love to hear from you.



Email Virginia

Travel Corner

Russia

Former RPCVSF President Tuey Murdock (RPCV Colombia) will be living in **Moscow**, Russia until sometime in 2019. Tuey would enjoy assisting any RPCVSF member with **travel to Russia**. [Email us](#) and we'll get you in touch with her.



Where do **you** want to go? [Let us know](#) and we will try for a group trip. Visiting **your country of service** would be neat, with your help putting it together.

Travel Tip

Overseas Adventure Travel (O.A.T. Travel), a favorite of our members, has changed the rules for their **Last Minute Deals** deals. Single rooms for solo travelers are no longer being offered. Solo travelers must get a roomie to travel with in order to qualify for the bargain rates.

For more information on any of these travel opportunities, please contact us.

Email Travel

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Thank you for your membership. We hope to see you soon.

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