

# Fall General Meeting CISV Jacksonville

Please join the Jacksonville Chapter of Children's International Summer Villages for an important General Membership Meeting and dinner. Your entire family is welcome to attend. Come get energized with the Junior Branch and see all of your CISV Friends! For more fun and fellowship, the business meeting will be brief.

**Sunday, September 24, 2006 • 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Location: South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church  
Harvin Hall • 2137 Hendricks Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

*(South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church is located at the intersection of Hendricks Ave and San Marco Blvd.)*

## Presentation of Delegates and Leaders 2006

Denver Village  
Norway Village  
Faces of Jacksonville  
Brazil Interchange  
Slovenia Interchange  
Germany Summer Camp  
Costa Rica and Luxembourg Seminar Camps



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# CISV Jacksonville



September 2006

## Peace Through Understanding The Jacksonville Chapter of CISV 1976 - 2006

Please join us for

### The 2006 CISV Peace Builder Award Luncheon

Keynote Speaker  
**Mr. Kimmie Weeks**

Acclaimed Children's Rights Activist and Founder  
of Youth Action International  
Thursday, October 12, 2006  
Luncheon and Program - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk  
1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207



Art work by  
Sarah Crooks Flaire  
"Bird Buddies",  
2005

Registration form available on-line at <a href="http://www.jax.cisvusa.org">www.jax.cisvusa.org</a>
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## President's Letter

We are off to a great start to our 2006-2007 year. The Adult and Junior Branch Boards participated in a joint retreat in August to reflect on the past year's programs and activities and to plan for the coming year.

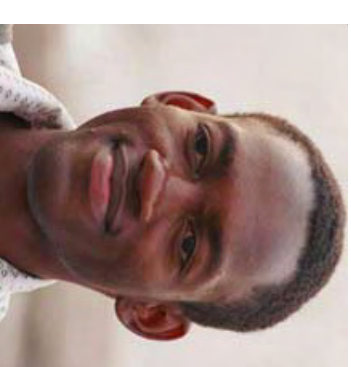
- As you can see from the contents of this newsletter, our Faces of Jacksonville and Peaceful Song Village this summer were a tremendous success.

- It is so exciting to see the positive impact of CISV programs on our youth--see what they have to say about their experiences this summer on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter.
- In honor of our 30th anniversary in Jacksonville we will present the first CISV Peace Builder Award at a luncheon on October 12 at the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk. We hope you will be able to join us.

- We are pleased to sponsor what we hope will be an official CISV Mosaic program in conjunction with the Peace Builder Award luncheon. Mr. Kimmie Weeks will be with us for three days, speaking at the luncheon and to various community groups and ending his visit with a day long workshop with our Junior Branch on October 14. Isn't it amazing what we are able to do as a dedicated and committed group of volunteers?

In CISV,  
Val Chritton,  
President, CISV Jacksonville

## Kimmie Weeks Child Rights Activist



Kimmie Weeks has worked to alleviate poverty and human suffering in Africa and around the world since he was fourteen. At the young age of nine, he came face to face with civil war, human suffering, and death. At age eleven, he committed himself to creating a better world for children. Ever since, his life has been a journey toward fulfilling this commitment. Over the years, Weeks has formed partnerships and led organizations that have provided education to thousands of students in West Africa, lobbied the disarmament of child soldiers and provided health care and recreation supplies to children. Visit [KimmieWeeks.com](http://KimmieWeeks.com) and [YouthActionInternational.org](http://YouthActionInternational.org) for additional information.

### Kimmie Weeks in Jacksonville:

**Thursday, October 12:**  
Keynote Speaker at Peace Builder Luncheon  
Afternoon: University of North Florida (tentative)  
Evening: Schultz Center  
**Friday, October 13:**  
Morning: Jacksonville University  
Afternoon: Mandarin High School  
**Saturday, October 14:**  
All day workshop with CISV Junior Branch

*Additional information and details will be available soon on our website at [www.jax.cisvusa.org](http://www.jax.cisvusa.org).*

# Junior Branch News

Hello everyone. I'm Emily Hyde and I am the new Junior Branch president. I was brought into CISV by my parents Whit and Karen Hyde. And after many camps and years on the board I feel that I am ready for this position. I'm lucky to have Ben Blackshear as my vice president. We have been working together since we

went to village. (We also did an interchange, went to a summer camp, and were Faces JCs together.) He is a junior at Episcopal and I'm a senior at Paxon.

In this past year, our Junior Branch has done things that set us apart from other JBs. We had two mini-camps. Our new Coffee House events were a success. We had two representatives on the National Youth Meeting Committee

## Greetings From the New JB President

(NYMC). Also, our JB board updated our by-laws and started succession planning that will make the transition from Vice President to President a lot smoother.

This new year has already started off well with our first regional mini-camp! And to follow are many more exciting activities planned by the new JB Board, including the events surrounding the 30th year celebration of the Jacksonville Chapter.

With another year passed we are sad to see our high school graduates

and JB legends go on to college. Our past-president Adrienne Divertie has graduated from Paxon and is on her way to UF. And long time member of our JB and board, Cory Stallings, has graduated from Stanton and is attending UCF. We thank them for their years of hard work that have made the Jacksonville Junior Branch so strong.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming events, so we can dare to make our DREAM a fact.

*Emily Hyde*  
JB President

## JB ANNOUNCEMENT



Save the date for these exciting upcoming JB events!!

- Saturday September 16 is bringing a friend to CISV day
- Friday September 29 is a Coffee House (recommended for 8th grade and up)
- Saturday October 14 is a day long workshop with **Kimmie Weeks**

More information and fun events coming soon!!!

## JUNIOR BRANCH BRING A FRIEND TO CISV DAY!!!



Come and join us for an afternoon of fun filled activities!

**Where:** South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church  
2137 Hendricks Avenue

**When:** September 16, 2006  
2 PM to 5 PM

**What to bring:** Yourself and a friend!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

If you have any questions please contact, Brian Dughni (braindughni@hotmail.com) or Mackenzie Crane (tinydancer004@comcast.net)

## USA - Brazil Interchange 2006

by Sarah Towers

This past July, six delegates from Jacksonville traveled to Brazil for one month. This was the second part of the interchange- our six Brazilian partners came and spent July 2005 with us. For the most part, we lived in Sao Jose dos Campos, a town about half the size of Jacksonville, situated between Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. We truly had an amazing time there, from trips to Sao Paulo or Hopi Haris (an amusement park), staying in a ski resort in the mountains (unfortunately no snow), visiting the Nestle chocolate factory, or our many trips to the local



malls, we learned a lot about Brazilian culture. For family week, when everyone split up to spend a week with their families, my family took me to many fun, exotic places. We went to Ilha Grande (Big Island), which was like an island resort, Rio de Janeiro,

where we stayed on Copacabana Beach, and Penedo, a Finnish colony (several of our partners are hoping to come and visit us this winter). We learned about different ways to communicate our thoughts and feelings, because sometimes our Brazilian parents spoke no English at all- not necessarily a bad thing, because it forced us to step outside of our comfort zones. We also realized what a close culture it is (they kiss and hug when greeting each other). We overcame our cultural differences, and we had a great experience because of it. During my time in Brazil, I grew close to my family, and I miss them very much- I hope to go back to Brazil someday.

## Norway Village 2006

by Leah Jimenez

This summer, Josh Jenkins, Langston Witcher, Anna Rea and I attended a 4 week Village in Ostfold, Norway, along with our Leader, Joe Hofrichter. The name of the village was Soria Moria Village, taken from a Norwegian fairy tale.

The Village was held in a school and the campus was awesome. We made biscuits and gravy and grits for our National Night "breakfast" and we watched Looney Tunes cartoons in our PJs. We made lasting friendships with other Villagers from

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Ecuador, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Sweden, Thailand and Norway. We all had a wonderful time but I never got to see a moose!



Our summer camp in Hamburg was awesome! We had 9 different countries which consisted of Colombia, Germany,

many, Ukraine, Jordan, Austria, Turkey, Indonesia, Netherlands, and of course the USA. The camp started on June 21 and lasted through July 14. It was the fastest three weeks of our lives. The camp was in Hamburg, Germany. We started off the first weekend at a host family's house and then from there we went to the CISV house. It was perfect for what we needed at the time of our lives!



Our delegation in Norway. From left to right: Langston Witcher, Leah Jimenez, I never got to see a moose!  
Josh Jenkins and Anna Rea.

## "Rockin' the Rockies" Denver Village Was Awesome!

by Mia Zanghetti

My experience at the "Rockin' the Rockies" CISV Village in Denver was one of the best things I have ever done in my life. Meeting other kids from all around the world was a very fun experience and I learned a lot about other cultures, other religions and other ways of life. At our camp, there were kids from Austria, Italy, Iceland, Germany, France, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Norway, Indonesia, Thailand, and USA. Everyone was friendly and wanted to



*The Denver Village delegation on the evening of their National Night at Village. They have just finished performing the "ChaCha Slide"! From left to right: Mia Zanghetti, Stacy Young, Quenton Wright, and Adam Tate.*

share information about their country with everyone else. Our Village was held at a large public school in

### Slovenia Interchange 2006

by Linzee Ott



You know how over the course of your life you collect "the best days ever?" I had my best day ever in July this summer. If you were to ask me which day in July, I'd probably laugh. My whole month of July was an amazing experience. I had a girl from Slovenia come to stay with me, as did seven other kids from Jacksonville. In April, as soon as I got the matching form for my partner, I started counting down the days until she arrived. We emailed every day, regardless of the seven-hour time difference. In May I felt like I had known this girl forever. In June I had ants in my pants. When July finally rolled around, it didn't stop—it just kept rolling on by. Even though July was the most fabulous month of my life, it felt like three days. That's because time really does fly when you're having fun, and in this case, this was the most fun I'd ever had.

Littleton, Colorado. The weather was very sunny and warm. At nights at the Village, we would have activities, and sometimes, we would do funny, crazy dances. In addition to our regular CISV games and activities, we went to a professional soccer game in Denver, and since our Village was held at the same time as the World Cup, everyone was really into soccer. During our host family stay, we went on a big alpine slide down a mountain, and a mountain train ride. We also went to a big water park called "Water World". The last night at Village was very sad because no one wanted to leave the new friends that they had made. But we all agreed to stay in touch via email and through CISV programs. Everyone in our Jacksonville delegation had a great time at Village and I hope that we will be able to participate in other CISV programs in the future.

## JB South Regional "Grocery Store" Mini-camp

by Mackenzie Crane

and a "Dance Party."

Thanks again to Emily and Ben who did an awesome job planning and running the mini-camp, to our great chaperones, and to Jody Dughni and Joyce King who did all of the arrangements for the camp!

### CISV Loses Friend Eartha Napoleon



In 1980 Eartha Napoleon was selected to be the leader for our Village Delegation bound for Washington, DC. That was the beginning of a long term friendship between CISV and Eartha and her family. It was among many "firsts" for Eartha; she was our first African American leader. She worked many hours on Village, recruitment and always did everything with cheerfulness and energy. She brought many friends and family members into CISV as a result of her hard work.

Eartha lost her six year battle with cancer on August 16, 2006. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Beryl, and her children, Olga, Andre and Mahalia, as well as her extended family.

The Jacksonville

JB hosted its second Regional Mini-camp at Camp Suwannee on August 18 - 20. The camp was attended by nearly 20 Jacksonville JBers and about 20 youth from the Atlanta, Gulf Coast, Smokey Mountain, and Chattanooga chapters. The mini-camp was planned and run by the presidents and president-elects from the chapters including our own Emily Hyde and Ben Blackshear. This was a great



opportunity to make friends with the amazing kids from including in the true CISV spirit including some running games



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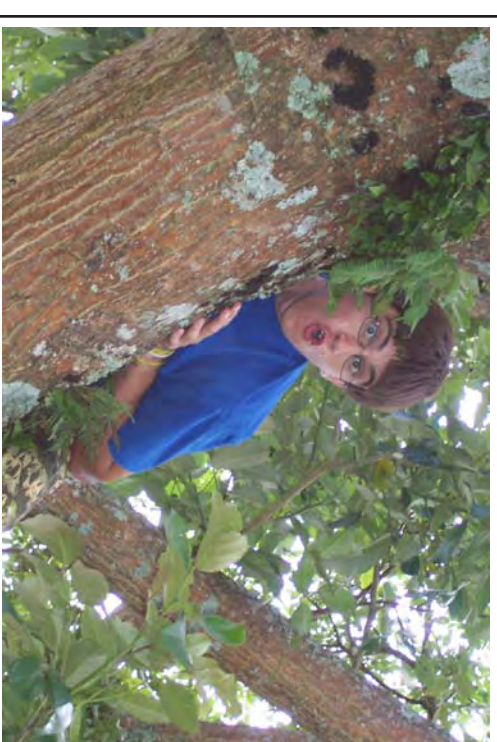
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Check out the Photo of this year's Village on page 5



Hi, this is Rev Darragh coming at you from Costa Rica. Well, I'm home now, but hey! This seminar camp was awesome, doubtlessly the best CISV experience I yet have had. Thanks to the chapter for giving me this opportunity.

-ruthven darragh



### Luxembourg Seminar Camp 2006

by Carlin Moran

My trip to Luxembourg was one that I will never forget. The experiences I had there and the friends I made will stay with me forever. I learned so much from the people I lived with and it was fascinating to become educated about so many different cultures. The political discussions we had changed my perspective on many issues and I now read the newspaper with real interest about world events. My best friends were from Sweden, England, and Canada and I hope we can find a way to see each other again soon. I would highly recommend the Seminar Camp experience to any seventeen or eighteen year old who is looking for a summer they will always remember.





# Risk Management Report

by Ashley Rea, Risk Manager

CISV Jacksonville stepped up the chapter's Risk Management procedures this past year. In order to comply with CISV National and for the overall protection of our children, a criminal background screening and driving history is required for every adult that participates in

CISV activities with our youth. During the 2005-2006 activity year, over 90 screenings were processed. This is a great accomplishment for our Chapter and I appreciate everyone's understanding and willingness to provide the required information for these screenings. The

screening results will be valid for up to three years. The Chapter also instituted a requirement of Liability Release and Authorization to Treat a Minor paper-work for all CISV Jacksonville youth participants. This covers all Junior Branch activities, selection

for a one year period from August to July. We had over 65 youth releases for the past year. Please check on the CISV Jacksonville website under Junior Branch for the forms. We need them for the August 2006-July 2007 year. Again, thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

## Help Wanted

CISV Jacksonville is looking for an Administrative Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator. This will initially be a part-time position that could transition into full-time based on the work load requirements. Work will be conducted at the CISV office on Mango Street in San Marco. General duties will include management of the CISV Jacksonville office and chapter paperwork, arrange/coordinate chapter activities, maintain membership/donor lists, manage volunteer/recruiting programs, etc... We are looking for someone that is very organized, detail oriented and dedicated with administration/office management experience. Maybe you know the perfect person.

Please contact Ashley Rea for more information at 535-7321. Resumes can be faxed to 241-0640 or e-mailed to [area@drummac.com](mailto:area@drummac.com). We are looking to fill this position immediately.

## Faces and Village Volunteers

Asante, Muchas Gracias, Molte Grazie, Takk, Hvala, Merci and THANK YOU

Faces of Jacksonville and the Peaceful Song Village were both successful in bringing together children from different cultural backgrounds and uniting them through peaceful, interactive CISV activities led by experienced Staff, Leaders and JCs. To that end, we are thankful for our Faces co-directors

James for giving so much to the delegates who participated in our Village.

Eleanor Falls and Amy Conarton, and for our local JCs, Ben Blackshear, Jamil Bryant, Yang Ge, Lizzie Lufano, Emily Hyde, Caitlin Moran, Mendy Liu, and Carolina Iberos. We are grateful as well to our Village staff, Valerie Maurais, Bruce Perlman, Danny Poellot, our own Petti Maloney, and Stephanie Donelan and our Village JCs, Adam, Fernando, Trishla, Eirin, Kayla, and

Alice Kimbrough, Mariko Clarke, Muffet Tussey, Viki Linzee Ott and Aja, Katie Stewart and Tjasa, William Thompson and Jan, Keith Jenkins and Luka) and our sons Zack and Josh.

Thanks to those who helped with set-up at Fletcher and then clean-up and who helped with the change over from Faces to Village. There were tons of desks to move and beds to make and where would we be without: Vicki Jimenez, her daughters, Leah and Kelsey, Lorraine Tersak and her sons, Chris and Nicholas, Marko and Tiffany Clarke, Sheila Andrews and her sons Marlon and Langston, Ashley Rea, Carol Daniels, Vicki Breedlove, Christine and Wayne Lester, Joyce King, Viki Diverite, Stephen Yip, Ben Blackshear, the Slovenia Interchange delegates (Casey Bailey and Lara, John Edward Balbona and Ivo, Kylie

Leuthold and Nina, Mary Kelley Moran and Tina, Linzee Ott and Aja, Katie Stewart and Tjasa, William Thompson and Jan, Keith Jenkins and Luka) and our sons Zack and Josh.

A special note of appreciation to our cook, Denise Paulley for her tireless efforts in the kitchen at Fletcher. Also, a hearty thanks to those who helped with food needs by providing meals or snacks, picking up baked goods from Panera, soliciting donations, serving food and helping cleanup in the kitchen, and/or running to get all those last minute National Night necessities:

Liz and Nick Figura, Terry Yip, David and Vicki Breedlove, Carol and Lad Daniels, Amy Conarton,

and Kirby Chritton.

Thank you for donating the staggering amount of sup-

## Seminar Camp Host Staff Needed for July 2007

CISV Jacksonville is hosting a Seminar Camp in July 2007. Seminar Camp is a program for approximately 30 participants, 17-18 years. The participants conduct the camp with local and international staff acting as their resource personnel and facilitators. They are encouraged to discover and form opinions about individual, international and intercultural matters and positive conflict resolution. Seminar Camp fosters interest in the world as a whole and develops a sense of responsibility for its peaceful survival.

At this time, we are looking for 1 male and 1 female to serve as home staff.

CISV International appoints the Camp Director and international staff. Home staff applicants will need to be 25 years old by the start of camp and licensed to drive. Because the International Seminar Camp Committee has to approve our selection of home staff, we ask that applications and references be submitted no later than September 30, 2006, to the local CISV Seminar Camp Committee, 2148 Mango Place, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

You will find the forms at [www.cisvusa.org](http://www.cisvusa.org). Download the Leadership Application, Supplement for Staff Applicants, and Confidential Reference Form for CISV Leadership/Staff Position.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Patty Pritchard.

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Participating Countries: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Norway, Philippines, and USA

Peaceful Song Village July 2006