

PeaceTogether: A Peaceful Pen Pal Art Project

In addition to old-fashioned letter writing, youth pen pals are invited to co-create a symbol of peace by decorating halves of a peace sign. Connected peace symbols will illustrate how collaboration, art and creativity can transcend barriers, fostering a deeper sense of connection.

Here's how it works:

- STEP 1:** Both pen pals download and decorate both the **LEFT half** and the **RIGHT half** of the peace symbol.
- STEP 2:** On the **LEFT half**, write their name/age/city/state/country in the *left* corner. On the **RIGHT half**, write their name/age/city/state/country in the *right* corner.
- STEP 3:** Each pen pal **sends the RIGHT half** to their pen pal
- STEP 4:** Each pen pal **keeps the LEFT half** that they decorated and *receives* the RIGHT half from their pen pal so that they can connect their halves and create a whole symbol to illustrate how they have become friends, united in peace.
- STEP 5:** Take a picture using the guidelines below and upload it to **this link**. Kids for Peace will post it to the gallery on our Peaceful Pen Pals page.



Photo Guidelines

Taking the Picture:

- ☐ Cut both halves of the peace symbol along the midline of the symbol
- ☐ Tape both halves of the peace symbol together, aligning the top and bottom of the circle
- ☐ Make sure the youth is holding the peace symbol as shown in the example to the left.
- ☐ Take the picture from the waste up in horizontal / landscape format, framing it so that there is space above the youth's head, on either side of their body and below the paper
- ☐ Ensure good lighting, avoiding windows or mirrors behind them
- ☐ Smile!

Thank you for being a part of *PeaceTogether*, a Peaceful Pen Pal Art Project.