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UPCOMING EVENTS

OMNI and Community

OMNI / TriCycle Yard Sale went well... raised money for OMNI and Tri Cycle Farm. Thanks Rhiannon Bowlin for putting it all together.



July 8 - Gasland II showing
- 8:00 pm @ OMNI

July 10 - Veggie Potluck -
6:30 pm @ OMNI

July 13 - Citizens Climate
Lobby - 11:00 am @ OMNI
(date changed for July 4
holiday)

July 14 - WE Connection for
Women - 3:00 pm @ OMNI

July 14 - Video Underground
- "Living for 32" 6:30 pm
(gun violence, skype with

OMNI INMOtion July 2013

Greetings!



OMNI folks take action at the Tar Sands Blockade June 24 in Seminole, OK.

Yes, these figures are OMNI folks David Garcia and Joanna Pollock locked down to heavy machinery along the Tar Sands Pipeline. David reports "One of the things I brought back from Oklahoma with me is an awe at watching a small, focused group who had their shit together.

See more [here](#).

In Peace,
OMNI Newsletter Team

OMNI summer and beyond

the film's subject Colin Goddard)

July 16 - Civil Rights Roundtable - 6:00 pm @ Worker's Justice Center, 207 W. Emma, Springdale (and potluck)

July 17 - Book Forum on Torture & American Empire - 7:00 pm @ OMNI

July 19 - Dialogue Training Dinner - 6:00 pm Potluck

August 1 - First Thursday - OMNI volunteers at Beer Garden - call 935-4422 to help

August 11 - Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration

Sept 1 - Open Mic for Peace - re-start for fall - 7:00 pm @ OMNI

June 29, Fayetteville. One youth said "... the cool thing about this program is that we talk about what's messed up, and what we might do about it." If OMNI youth are to be empowered to live in the fast-changing and potentially dangerous world as it is, this is some of the preparation they'll need to thrive... details [here](#).



If you'd like to see more of what OMNI Youth did in OMNI Summer, or other parts of OMNI Youth Programs, check them out [here](#).



Local news

Civil Rights Roundtables now have a Coordinator

The Roundtables have been going on for months now, and many of you OMNI folks have come to one or more. Thank you for that. They're a chance for people to meet across language, culture and racial barriers to talk about our own lives and needs. The general focus is to test out the political will to get Arkansas to create a civil rights entity that will deal fairly with human and civil rights issues in our state. We're one of only 3 states that lack any such body, and many of our leaders still believe we don't need any such thing (we disagree).

Of course there are many human and civil rights issues that can be worked through on the local level if there's a group of people getting together and talking. That's also part of the hope for this Roundtable. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 16, 6:00 pm at the Workers Justice Center, 207 W. Emma in Springdale. You're still welcome to come, and it's a potluck.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee generously granted the Workers Justice Center in Springdale enough money to hire a coordinator to help get the Roundtable started well, and they found a great person for the job.

Alfredo Gonzalez started work in April and is making the rounds of groups and people who need to connect to this project. If you're part of a group whose mission includes people, you should meet Alfredo. For information, please call him at Workers Justice in the mornings, at 479-750-8015, or meet him at the potluck July 16!

Nationwide news

Immigration Reform: A Cautious Look

Last week, the current proposal for immigration reform, S. 744, passed the Senate with 68 votes. While OMNI supports a pathway to legalization for the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants, we are cautiously looking at S. 744. Our main concerns about the bill are:



- Militarization of the border: \$40 billion to militarize the southern border, increasing the amount of border agent to 1 every 1000 feet, 700 more miles of the border wall, the use of predator drones, and the criminalization of immigrants crossing the border seeking a better future
- Workers' Rights: S. 744 will give pseudo-legal status for immigrant workers but if an immigrant worker is unemployed for more than 60 consecutive day, they will lose their chance to legalization. This will create an even more exploitable immigrant workforce than we currently have, since immigrant will be afraid of losing their legal status.
- No full inclusion: #11MillionDREAMs was the battle cry going in to the struggle for immigration reform but under S. 744 as many as 4 million would not qualify for legalization
- Deportation would continue: S. 744 would begin by deporting 90% of immigrant who overstayed their visas in the previous year. This would make day-to-day life harder for undocumented immigrant. Record deportation have been recorded in the previous 5 years leading up to S. 744.

It is hard to list everything in a bill over 1,000 pages long but we demand from our elected officials a comprehensive, humane, and a real pathway to legalization for the 11 million undocumented immigrants.

OMNI 350

Citizens Climate Lobby Conference was powerful

July 1, Washington DC. "Shelley Buonaiuto, OMNI 350 Chair, professionalized and sanitized, trying to nudge Sen. Boozman a bit to the left"



Shelley says "The Citizens Climate Lobby Conference was excellent. I spoke with most of Arkansas' congressional delegation or their staff, including

Sen Boozman. It was his idea to take the photo, BTW."

OMNI 350 Climate Change Book Forum is this Sunday, July 7th, at the Fayetteville Public Library at 1:30. We plan to show one or two of the dynamo videos from the recent Citizens Climate Lobby conference.

The Citizen's Climate Lobby meeting is Saturday, July 13th, a change from the usual first Saturday in order to avoid the July 4th weekend. Will send out the Action Sheet next week. If you don't usually get it but want to see what it's about, email Shelley at "goodhelp@cybermesa.com".

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OMNI Center for Peace, Justice & Ecology educates, empowers and connects people to actively build a nonviolent, sustainable and just world.