

Make the School of the Americas History

"They tell us
they're teaching
democracy.

We say "How do
you teach democracy
through the barrel
of a **gun**?"

— Fr. Roy Bourgeois

**Join us for the 2011
Vigil to Close the SOA!**

Nov 18-21

Close the School of the Americas!

Join the IRTF delegation—and 20,000 others from across the hemisphere—at the gates of Fort Benning, GA, Nov. 18-21, 2011.

The School of the Americas (aka SOA or WHINSEC) trains Latin American soldiers and officers in “counter-insurgency” warfare. SOA graduates have been linked to major human rights violations in Latin America for over 50 years. SOA soldiers murdered Cleveland church women Jean Donovan and Sister Dorothy Kazel in 1980 and numerous others since! There can be no healing and reconciliation without truth, an apology, and reparations to the thousands who have suffered from SOA violence and oppressive U.S. foreign policies. Each year we gather at the gates of Ft. Benning in Columbus, Georgia, and demand justice for the martyrs and for the thousands who continue to suffer the brutal consequences of the combat training at the SOA. **Don’t miss this largest and longest standing annual peace and justice gathering in the U.S!**

Outside the gates of Fort Benning, activities go on all weekend.

Sat., Nov 19: day-long rally with music, dance, speakers (including family members of SOA victims), and workshops
Sun, Nov 20: solemn funeral procession to remember the victims and pledge “no more blood in our name!”

- Details:** Depart Friday, Nov. 18, 6pm from Magnificat High School, 20770 Hilliard, Rocky River
Arrive back at Magnificat in the early morning on Monday, Nov. 21
- Cost:** \$199 (\$50 non-refundable deposit to reserve your seat)
- Includes:** Nonviolence training, sample press release, background information on the SOA, round-trip bus travel, hotel stay in a 4-person room, and a \$15 donation to the scholarship fund
- Training:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 am - 4 pm, John Carroll University, University Heights
Nonviolence training, media outreach training and SOA background information is provided for all participants as a way to continue your education about the SOA and the nonviolence movement. *We encourage all, but require first-timers to attend.*
- Scholarships:** Limited scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance. Please contact us for an application.

InterReligious Task Force on Central America Close the SOA! Vigil 2011—Fort Benning, Georgia

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

Email _____

School _____

Congregation _____

- I want to travel on the IRTF bus.
- Leave Fri., Nov. 18 (enclosed is my \$50 deposit)
- Please email me a scholarship application.
- I will **donate to IRTF’s scholarship fund** for students and others in financial need.
- I will sponsor ONE scholarship recipient. (\$135)
- I will donate \$_____ towards a scholarship.
- I will participate in the nonviolence training.
- I would like to schedule an IRTF speaker about the SOA.

Make checks payable to IRTF and return with this form to:

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