



# World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR)

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## **WSC-AR Endorses 2005 National Days of Interfaith Youth Service, Urges Sikh Students to Participate**

The World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR) has endorsed the April 9 - 10, 2005 National Days of Interfaith Youth Service being organized by the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) at over 50 college campuses, high schools, and cities across the country.

The WSC-AR urges Sikh students across the US to join the site in your city or organize a new project site. To see a list of sites planned, please visit [www.ifyc.org/ndiys](http://www.ifyc.org/ndiys). To organize a new site in your high school, college campus, or city, please contact April J. Kunze, Director of National Programs of IFYC at [april@ifyc.org](mailto:april@ifyc.org).

“The program planned for just before the annual Vaisaakhi Sikh celebrations this year is an excellent opportunity for Sikh youth across America to dialogue with other young people of faith, and to work collectively with others in reducing the impact of homelessness and hunger in our cities”, said Dr. Tarunjit Singh, Secretary General and Chair of Interfaith Committee of WSC-AR.

The 2005 National Days of Interfaith Youth Service will bring together religiously diverse young people in hometowns and college campuses across the nation to serve their communities. These young people will explore and act upon the impulse of service in their religious traditions and work towards better inter-religious understanding.

“The United States is one of the most religiously diverse country in the world. This diversity gives rise to the following question: How are young Christians, Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, Buddhists, Hindus, and others going to interact with one another as they live, study, and work in increasingly close quarters in America?” remarked April J. Kunze, Director of National Programs of IFYC.

The 2005 National Days of Interfaith Youth Service will:

- Nurture better relationships between faith communities
- Strengthen young people’s connection to their own religious communities by exploring teachings of service in their own faith tradition
- Encourage religious young people to see a similar impulse of service in other traditions
- Provide much needed service to alleviate the impact of homelessness and hunger in America
- Mobilize the idea of interfaith youth service into the local and national culture

Later in the year, the grassroots organizers of the 2005 National Day will come together on May 16-17, 2005 at the 3rd National Conference on Interfaith Youth Work in Chicago to celebrate the impact of 2005 and plan for 2006.

IFYC is a Chicago-based international grassroots organization that seeks to build a movement that encourages religious young people to foster inter-religious understanding, strengthen their religious identity, and cooperate to serve the common good.

The WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States. Its members include 29 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 7 other Sikh institutions across the nation.

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