

S.O.S. 2014
Session 1

Zine



Introduction

The Purple Team is proud to introduce...Wait for it...DRUM ROLL PLEASE...the SOS Session 1 2014 Zine! You may be wondering, "What is a Zine exactly?" The zine is a magazine that is created by the Purple Team to advocate the importance of SOS and other major world topics and issues. Each purple team member is required to write three articles. One article explains what each SOS team (orange, red, purple, green, and striped) does. In order to successfully write this article, the purple team travels to the site that a specific team is completing service at and interviews a couple people from each team. Another article informs the campers of SOS about a serious topic going on in the world. It's a great way to advocate something important, which is exactly what the Purple Team does for community service. The last article describes a fun topic that could be about anything you could ever think of.



For the past 2 weeks, all of the Purple Team members have worked hours on end to perfect their articles for your final copy. We hope you take time to read and enjoy all of the articles and pictures that complete your zine!

Sincerely,
Trevor, Rebecca, Adrien,
and Alisha

The Purple Team

by Jessica

The purple team is one of the five teams in SOS. They discuss advocating topics that they are passionate about. One way they advocate, is writing in the Zine. Each camper in the Purple team writes two articles, one fun and one serious. This is a way to express their feelings about certain topics and a way to share their opinions with others. They learned that advocating leads to change in the world. It is important to keep trying to make the planet a better place. Additionally, they do floor activities. This is where they go set up activities downstairs, on tables, and do them with the children. The team has lots of fun playing with the kids and teaching too. Topics for activities range from the physics aspects of straw rockets to the artsy and creativity of masks to the exciting chemical reactions of dry ice and Gak.

The Purple team also takes pictures of the camp and the camp's floor activities. During rev-up, they use cameras and go-pros (which are small cameras that can be attached to someone's head) to document the games played. They also use a camera to make their movie. In the movie they include interviews from all the teams that they record themselves, and they have to come up with a story line relating to SOS. The team is in charge of props, costumes, characters, scenes, scripts, and editing. Overall, the Purple team has a great time with advocating about passions, doing floor activities with kids, documenting the camp, and making a fun movie that includes all the teams.



StRiPeD tEaM

by Mona and Jessica

The Striped Team is the leadership team here at SOS. With only incoming sophomores, they are the oldest team at camp. Every session, they put together one reflection and one rev-up for the entire camp. In addition, they create and perform a play at Martin Luther King Jr. Library that is based on a children's story. Another thing they do is the Activities Fair, which they make activities for the kids based on the play. They also go to Santa Maria Urban Ministry and Second Harvest food bank.

Striped team teaches the participants leadership, a very integral part of life, which impacts the lives of campers. Furthermore, the striped team also helps the community with their play and their work at their service sites. For example, the play makes children happy, which is important. Also, their work at their service sites impacts the community as a whole. Not only does the striped team have a large impact, it gives campers the chance of being an intern the next summer, if they so choose.



The Orange Team

by Roman, Daniel, and Azriel

The orange team is a team at SOS that does their community service by helping out at Estrella; a program ran at Gardner to help out low income families. The orange team helps by doing various activities with the kids at Estrella. These activities include playing games, reading to them, and putting the kids to sleep during nap time, all while taking care of the kids as much as possible.

All these activities help out the community by making sure the children at Estrella have a great role model to look up to at a young age. Plus, the orange team tries to teach the kids at Estrella as much as possible about being a good leader and to show them how to role model other people.

So what we have learned in the Orange Team is that they are there role models and then when the kids grow up they will be role models just like their teachers.



Green Team

by Emily and Evan

The Green team is the environmental team of SOS. They focus on cleaning up and helping the environment. The Green team goes to several different places: Our City Forest, the Guadalupe River, farms, and other environmentally focused sites. The Green makes an impact on everyone because everyone depends on the environment. From weeding out invasive species to cleaning up rivers, the Green team helps the environment thrive so the human race can as well. Little by little the Green team continues to help make our community a better and cleaner place.

We interviewed some of their members to see what they had to say about the Green team. All team members said they enjoyed being on this team, even though what they do is sometimes hard work. One of the team's members said their favorite part about green team is, "We get to be dirty and no one yells about you about being dirty." Another said that she liked knowing that she made a difference as an individual and as a team. One person said they wanted to join Green team because they wanted to help the environment. Overall all Green teamers are our super heroes when it comes to saving our planet.



The Red Team

by Mack & Jeffrey

The Red Team does the basics of community service. This includes entertaining the elderly or the young, cleaning up spaces such as the beach, and even packing food and supplies for the less fortunate. People on the Red Team often feel rewarded for their service because not only does it have an impact on the lives of people they help, it helps the red team understand what leadership and community service truly is. They help with picking up trash and keeping the environment safe. They also help with taking care of younger and elderly citizens.

The most recent service that the red team has performed is going to Biblioteca library to read story's and perform floor activities to entertain the children at the library. The Red Team also helped to entertain the elderly at live oak senior center. The red team also helped at Sacred Heart to pack food and clothes for the less fortunate. They also helped at Santa Maria Urban Ministry and helped with the food pantry, youth camp, and a mural! The Red Team truly is a great service team.



Emotional Connections with... Pokémon?

by Azriel

Most of us have an idea on what videogames are. Whether it be seeing it at a friend's house, playing them yourself, or even seeing a commercial and a small glimpse of gameplay. Almost everyone can agree that many videogames, while they can be realistic, are just pixels on a screen, and overall not real. People who play games understand this, but storylines and character's emotions make us almost believe that there is something deeper than just pixels on a screen, and almost make connections to said characters. Though there are many games that have a storyline and are great candidates for making connections to, I decided that the Pokémon franchise would be the best for such an example.

If you have never heard of the Pokémon franchise as a game, you might've seen the show or small references to it. It is basically a world in which creatures called "Pokémon" roam about and are, in a way, super animals, since they contain powers that you couldn't possibly see in the real world. Trainers, a type of character in the world in which you take role, are people who catch Pokémon for whatever they desire. They mostly use Pokémon to battle with one another, where they use the powers of the Pokémon to deal damage and prove who the strongest trainer is. Other trainers might use their Pokémon to have a friend by their side, and others use them for jobs and work. All of these activities, though it may not seem like it, involve some sort of bonding with whatever Pokémon they may be using, since the Pokémon gives to the trainer, the trainer gives back by simply taking care of the Pokémon.

If you're a Pokémon enthusiast like me, you may have a favorite Pokémon that you tend to use more than the others. For most a few of the Pokémon games, you have been able to do more with your Pokémon other than battle and feed them their favorite berry every now and then. The best game in which you can play with your Pokémon would have to be Pokémon X/Y for the 3DS. The things you could do with your Pokémon had expanded in the newest addition to the Pokémon franchise. Things from mini-games, feeding your Pokémon PokéPuffs, and even watching your Pokémon react to your real life facial expressions. All of these things have been added to the most recent version of the Pokémon games, and quite honestly, they make the Pokémon feel even closer. Players can experience this when having their Pokémon react joyfully to their trainer make a silly face, or being fed their favorite PokéPuff. All of these actions include the outside force, and that outside force is the player themselves. With all of these ways to connect with your Pokémon, you can't help but believe that there actually is some sort of connection between your Pokémon and yourself. There are even in-game scripts where the game tells you that your Pokémon snapped out of confusion or paralysis to keep you from worrying too much about it, and even endure a hit that would normally have your Pokémon faint.

From a more realistic perspective, there really is no connection between you and your Pokémon. But, you can't help but think that there is a chance that everything you do for your Pokémon does have a purpose, and that every reaction you get from your Pokémon helps you grow closer, and that these Pokémon will be your friend forever.

Alternative Energy sources

by Daniel C.

Fossil Fuel Pollution

The food chain is one of the world's most important resources and if one part of the chain falls, everything else goes down with it. Global warming is the main cause of the fall of the food chain. Global warming is caused by factories, buildings and fossil fuels. Fossil fuel provides 67% of the electricity in the US and fossil fuel is made by burning fossilized plants and coal. After the material is burned the factory releases noxious gas into the atmosphere which warms the air and causes plants to die, animals to move and many other things. The US and the rest of the world needs to find an alternative energy such as biofuel or hydro-electric power. The world cannot rely on one individual resource but we can find an alternative source for fossil fuel.

Fossil fuel is expensive, the cost of manual labor to mine for coal and the cost of transportation add up to a lot. As the heat rises in America, the fossil fuel factories are making more and more electricity for the air conditioning and fans that run all day long. During the summer, the fossil fuel factories are in a big cycle. When the fans are running in American homes, the factories have to make more electricity which releases more heat and then the people of America have to run their fans even more. Fossil fuel is polluting, taking money and causing global warming. The world needs to find an alternative energy source, and if we do, we might save the world from many problems.

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Net Neutrality

by Evan Kolderup

Net Neutrality is based on one central rule: all information is equal. This rule means that people from around the world can share all ideas without interference or censorship by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) some examples are Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon. Many ISPs are trying to get rid of Net Neutrality, allowing them to save money by limiting your connection to certain services, and charging much more to get a regular connection back. An analogy from the video "Internet Citizens: Defend Net Neutrality" by CGP Grey is a great way to think of Net Neutrality. The video says what ISPs are attempting to do is like a power company, instead of building more power plants to provide for more needs, dimming your light bulbs then selling brighter light bulbs for a greatly increased price. Luckily, power companies can't decide where your power goes once it reaches your house, meaning that you can use it for whatever you want with it, but if nobody does anything, the internet may turn out like this. ISPs can and most likely will severely limit connection to competitor sites and other information that could harm their business, while charging more for a limited connection. You may be asking, "How can I help?" Well, you can call your local representatives or go to the FCC site (at the bottom of the page) to classify broadband internet as a title II telecommunications service. That means that ISPs cannot interfere with the data that they are providing for you, so they can't limit your connection to competitors, or make you pay more for the connection you already had.

So, defend your internet and keep information equal!



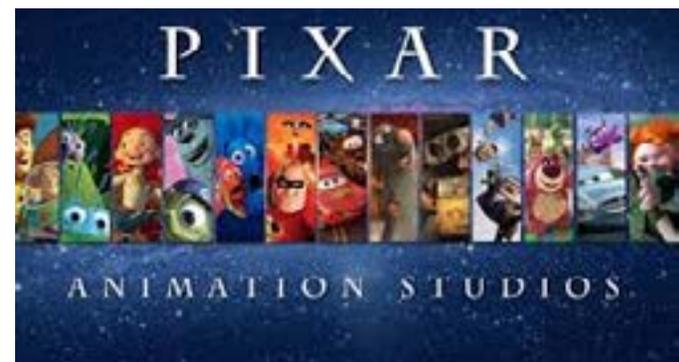
Link to CGP Grey video:
(watch this, it provides much more information than I could put in this article) <http://goo.gl/GCyyKC>

Link to FCC site: <http://goo.gl/xHnB4n>

Pixar Movie Theory by Emily

The Pixar Movie Theory depicts how all the Pixar Movies exist in the same universe. All the movies take place in different times going from the 14th century to the year 5,000. The theory starts with Brave in the 14th-15th century. Merida finds “the-will-of-the-wisps” which is a form of magic that makes animals and inanimate objects behave like humans. This magic is used by a witch who transports through wooden doors and has an obsession with bears and wood carving. The magic from the wisps would go on to create super heroes thus the theory goes on to The Incredibles (1950s-1960s) where superheroes maintained order in the world. But Buddy, the wannabe superhero, invents two things that were intended to destroy the super-humans. He created self-serving robots and Zero Point Energy (electromagnetic energy that you’d find in a vacuum.) The theory goes on to Toy Story 1 (1997-1998), where the toys absorb the electromagnetic energy, and are showing signs of life. The toys create a code of rules and learn about how human love is another energy source they may use. In Toy Story 2 (1999), the toys learn that it is dangerous for them to be isolated. They start to question their purpose in life and they build resentment for humans. For example, Jesse resents her owner, Emily, for abandoning her. We start to see that not only toys carry resentment towards humans, but animals do as well. In Finding Nemo (2003), the fish are finding out that the humans are polluting the Earth, and are experimenting on them. Dory was one of the fish that was experimented on and that’s why she is so forgetful. There are more signs of resentment from animals as the fish are finding out humans are polluting their homes, stealing their friends, and caging them. Animals also grow more curious, and that brings us to Ratatouille (2007). Remy starts adopting human features like walking on his hind legs, cleaning his paws, reading, and cooking. Remy interacts with the humans, but his clan of rats, fear and hate humans. Three years later in Toy Story 3 (2010) the toys have gone through a lot with humans, being physically and emotionally abused. The toys meet Lotso, the Huggin’ Bear, who hates humans because they use and discard toys. This shows how machines and objects alike are ready planning to take over. Carl and Ellie, from Up, write to Andy telling him to get rid his toys because they know what’s coming between toys and humans, and that’s why they plan on living in solitude. In Up (2011-2016) Carl is forced to give up his home because the huge corporation Buy n Large is expanding the city. Charles Muntz starts training his army of dogs, and this starts tipping the scales between humans and animals. Years later the war

between humans and animals begins. In Cars (2100-2200), the machines saved the humans and they won the war. But since they helped the humans win, it tipped the balance on Earth. Buy n Large had to send the remaining humans off of Earth. The Cars and machines populate Earth and it shows in Cars 2 the cars go to Europe and Japan. The cars reach an energy crisis where they are running low on fuel, and Allinol, an alternative fuel source, pollutes the Earth even more and the world becomes unable to sustain life. The year is 2800 and the Earth has been uninhabitable for hundreds of years and Buy n Large, the company that took over the world in the 1950s, is to blame. WALL-E is the only machine left on Earth and his love for the human culture saved the human race. The sapling that WALL-E planted grew into the tree we see in Bug’s Life (2898-3000). Bugs and animals have gotten stronger due to evolution and mutated genetics. Later into the future we see that animals become the dominant species. Hundreds of years after WALL-E, animals mutated due to BnL’s radiation. The monsters accidentally wipe humans of the planet, and the monsters falsely inform each other that humans were toxic and they were from a different dimension, this was because they were worried about being erased from existence since they altered history. Monster’s realized their mistake in 4500 because humans were there only source of energy. So they use doors to travel to different times and to different human generations. And this leads us to Boo. Boo never got over Sulley and later in life she figures out how to time travel. She travels back in time to find “the-will-of-the-wisps” and to create the magic to find Sulley. She leaves behind carvings of Sulley and the pizza truck in Brave as evidence. She knows how to travel through time but she doesn’t know where she’ll go. That’s why there are so many easter eggs in the movies because Boo travels to the wrong place and leaves them behind. Therefore all the Pixar Movies tie into each other because of Boo. <http://www.pixartheory.com/>



Racism

by Jeffrey

Racism is a problem. Even though it mostly occurred in the 1900's, it still lives on. It is the number one reason that different races- whether black, white, Hispanic, or Asian do not always get along. On April 25, 2014, TMZ Sports released a recording of a conversation between Donald Sterling, NBA coach for the Los Angeles Clippers, and a female friend, V. Stiviano. Sterling's friend Stiviano, decided to take a picture of herself with NBA star Magic Johnson, and then she then proceeded to post on Instagram. Donald Sterling was strangely angered at this and he told her, "It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people... you can bring them in, you can do whatever you want, but...the little I ask you is ... not to bring them to my games." This is just one of many examples that could be used to show that racism is wrong.

Racism hurts people. This racism that was shown by Sterling was purely said for no reason. Racism is literally a term for hate and is not only an offense, it's a weapon. Some people have even committed suicide from racism. The message is clear. Don't be like Sterling.



Waffles By: Roman

Waffles they are fun cool and good everybody loves waffles even the Teen Titans. Did you know that Beast Boy and Cyborg saved Star Fire Raven and Robin's life just for singing about waffles so if you eat them once it might even save someone's life? If you search Teen Titans waffles episode 35 you will see the important role of the waffles that has impacted the Teen Titans and you will enjoy eating waffles at home it's good for you and good for everybody.

Waffles make me happy every day and make me smile when I look at the waffle I think that it is the sun and waffles are more than the sun it is delicious and has an intense flavor. Waffles aren't just food it is a first aid and it is the best breakfast in the universe without waffles people all over would've been dead. So a special thanks to Beast boy and Cyborg for saving us once again for there really dumb games. Thank goodness that they came up with all of this.

"The stiff batter for the waffles is made from flour, butter, brown sugar, yeast, milk, and eggs. Medium- sized balls of batter are put on the waffles iron. When the waffle is baked and while it is still warm, it is cut into two halves."

Like who doesn't like waffles there is nothing bad about them the delicious syrup and the delicious smell when it comes out of the oven it will make you happy when you see the delicious taste of waffles.



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waffle>

Gender Equality

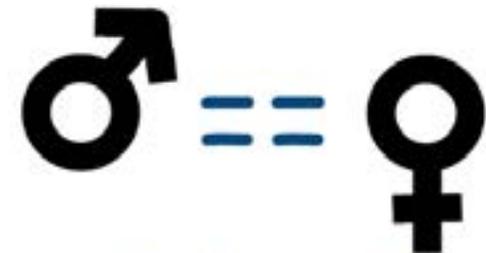
by Mona

In 1848, both male and female activists gathered to discuss women's rights at the Seneca Falls Convention. They put together the Declaration of Sentiments that stated "that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," (History.com). Ever since then, there has been a long and hard battle fought for gender equality. On August 26, 1920, women across the United States rejoiced as the 19th amendment was ratified by Congress, which stated that women could vote. The Equal Pay Act of 1963, stated that "no employer... shall discriminate... between employees on the basis of sex by paying wages to employees ... at a rate less than the rate at which he pays wages to employees of the opposite sex ... for equal work on jobs the performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions," (US EEOC). Women can vote and they are legally entitled to equal pay.



Although, this is a huge improvement from the 19th century, there is still a long, long way to go. For example, women do not always have the right to choose abortion. In the 1973 Supreme Court case, Roe vs. Wade, a state law that regulated abortions was declared unconstitutional. According Alec McBride in the PBS article on Landmark Cases, "the Court ruled that the states were forbidden from outlawing or regulating any aspect of abortion performed during the first trimester of pregnancy, could only enact abortion regulations reasonably related to maternal health in the second and third trimesters, and could enact abortion laws protecting the life of the fetus only in the third trimester. Even then, an exception had to be made to protect the life of the mother," (PBS). There are many conditions and hoops to jump through to finally obtain an abortion.

Even though legally women are coming very close to men, socially there is still a huge divide. In the workplace, women account for 51.4% of management and professional occupations. While this is good, there is an overwhelming percentage of women in public relations, finance management, human resources, and education opposed to information, transportation, storage, construction, architecture, and engineering (DOL). There is still a tendency of women to occupy the less technological jobs and the more "domestic" ones. Media also causes a huge divide between the genders. Women are constantly talked down on in songs and TV shows, and movies. In music, women are constantly thought of as objects. In almost every popular music video, there are women parading around scantily clad. Though people may claim that women are equal to men, it is not completely true.



Equal-equals

Not "some are more equal" than others

While teenagers may not be able to make a huge effect on the politics of gender equality, there are still many things we can do. For example, if more girls were encouraged to go into STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, there would be a larger percentage of women in those fields. Even though there have been many improvements since the 19th century, there is still a long way to go. Everyone, not only women, can help the progress of the gender equality movement.

The NSA

by Mack

The National Security Agency (NSA) is spying on everything in media. I believe that this is not okay because it violates our privacy. For example: “The U.S. National Security Agency has dealt a blow to Google (GOOG), Facebook (FB), Microsoft (MSFT), and other U.S. corporations. In addition to forcing them to engage in the Prism spy program, the NSA limits disclosures about their involvement, making it difficult for these companies to defend their reputations.” See what I mean by outrageous acts? But some people like this. “Most U.S. citizens may not object to government officials reading their e-mails or postings to try to catch terrorists.” You see some don’t care, but others really do! “However, Google and Facebook both have big international businesses, and it is unlikely that law-abiding users in Europe will find a cozy relationship with a U.S. intelligence agency as comforting.” Why do they bring down businesses? This isn’t right. But this is why. “While we all want to catch the bad guys, there has to be a better way to do it than turning U.S. corporations into aiders and abettors of U.S. espionage efforts.” For the sake of our country and we need to keep U.S. companies strong and independent. If the NSA continues to keep on doing what their doing, forcing them to work together in covert operations, global democracy will suffer. This is why the NSA is very bad, we need our privacy. We need to track down terrorists, but we also need to feel safe.

Quotes by: Larry Popelka

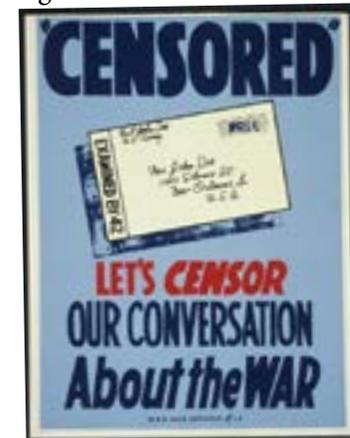
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Censorship in America by Azriel

From serious topics to trivial things in movies and shows, and even foreign games, censorship has shown itself all throughout America. Most of the time, censorship is hardly seen or realized by the public, and is only noticeable by those directly affected by said censors. But, sometimes censored information isn’t a bad thing; the Office of Censorship relieves the public from any unnecessarily disturbing material that they may come across.

Throughout the history of the US, the government has attempted to censor out many things that harm the public’s view upon itself. An example, though not very recent, is the heavy amount of censoring by the Office of Censorship during the first and Second World War. This was apparently done to keep secret military information secret and away from the public. This is also done heavily today, and was even done during the Gulf War, where George H. W. Bush had censored most ground coverage during the war, which was apparently done to protect confidential information. Another infamous act of censorship by the US was during the Vietnam War. This had occurred when the federal-government themselves tried to stop the New York Times from publishing any Pentagon papers, stating that doing so would be considered an act of treason by the NYT under the Espionage Act of 1917. The two sides went to court, and the NYT had won against the US.

Though we may not see it every day, censorship is all around us and has had impacts both massive and quite small. Unfortunately, it cannot be stopped too easily, but we can speak up against it and bring the news to one another through other sources of media and even at social gatherings.



Baking Cookies

by Jessica

Ingredients:

- 2 ¼ cups of all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoons of baking soda
- 2 stick of unsalted butter at room temperature
- ½ a cup of white sugar
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 2 normal sized spoons of pure vanilla extract
- 2 average eggs
- 2 cups of chocolate chips, which can contain your preferable choice of chocolate
- Any other of your favorite cookie ingredients



In this article, I will be teaching you how to bake original chocolate chip cookies.

1st, preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

2nd, gather the ingredients. You can add more stuff to your cookies to make them more delicious. Personally, I would have milk chocolate chips, caramel syrup, marshmallows, and rainbow sprinkles because those are my favorite toppings. Adding more toppings would make your cookies unique and yummiier.

3rd, combine the butter and the sugar, and blend it unto a light and frothy mix. An electrical mixer would be very useful when blending the ingredients together, but if you don't have that, use a spoon to stir everything together. When blending, be careful that none of the ingredients fall out.

4th, add the salt, vanilla, and eggs. Keep stirring until it is well mixed. If you would like to add any kinds of syrups or sauces, like maple syrup or chocolate sauce, mix them in now.

5th, add flour and chocolate chips. This is the time where you would add all your other amazing toppings too. It's best to add them at the end so they don't get too stirred into the mixture.

6th, take tablespoon sized balls of the dough and place them about two inches apart from each other on baking sheets lined with parchment paper.

7th, bake the cookies for 8 – 10 minutes or until the edges of the cookies are golden brown but still soft in the center.

8th, take the cookies out of the oven with oven mitts or a towel, so you don't hurt yourself.

9th, turn the oven off. Let the cookies cool off for 1 – 2 minutes.

You can transfer them to a wire rack or a plate. The cookies would last for a week in an airtight container at room temperature. Enjoy!

LGBTQ Equality

by Emily

First, let me explain what LGBTQ is. LGBTQ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning. Most know that the people who consider themselves somewhere in the LGBTQ category are discriminated against. The discrimination can go anywhere from teenage bullying to their everyday lives. People are starting to embrace the LGBTQ community, but let's take a look at the people who refuse to accept this lifestyle.

The youth of the LGBTQ society has experienced bullying so severe that they have had to disconnect themselves from the world around them. Some, due to harassment, have slipped into deep depressions. Some teenagers even skip classes where they are bullied. A Research Blog titled "New Report Shows High Rates of Bullying of LGBT Students in School Athletics" by Krystal states, "More than half of LGBT students who took a P.E. class reported being bullied or harassed during the class because of their sexual orientation (52.8%) or gender expression (50.9%)." (<http://www.impactprogram.org/research-blog/research-blog-new-report-shows-high-rates-of-bullying-of-lgbt-students-in-school-athletics/?gclid=CIC0maPchr8CFQi-UfgodAaQAoQ>). This explains why one third of LGBTQ students reported not showing up to their PE classes. There are organizations such as the "It Gets Better Project" founded in 2010 by Dan Savage and his husband Terry Miller that persuades teens to not give in to depression because it gets better.



And for most it does get better. The world is now beginning to embrace LGBTQ families, and now they are able to find jobs with fewer issues than before. But in Arizona a controversial anti-gay bill was recently vetoed by the Governor, Jan Brewer. The bill would have allowed businesses the right to deny service to any gay or lesbian customer. The governor greatly weighed her options before vetoing the bill, but she believed that if it was passed Arizona would divide in ways she could not even fathom or want. Religious liberty is a core value for Arizona, but so is non-discrimination. For now we should respect each other, despite our differences. I hope that one day the discrimination will end, but as if now it continues to exist.



Put an End to A&F

by Jessica

Abercrombie and Fitch is a company that wants to make their clothing “exclusive” to only people who can afford it. They move up their prices and sell a dress that would normally be \$15, but when they tag their logo on the back of it, now it’s four times as much. The company refuses to donate their clothes to charity, as it’s supposed to be “elite” and make kids “more popular.” The CEO of the company states that the clothes are made for the “cool and popular kids” in schools.

If someone can’t afford A&F’s clothing and they end up with extra stock, the company believes that instead of putting them on sales or donating the unsold clothes to the less fortunate, it’s a better idea to burn them. Shocker, A&F, sorry to say you’re completely wrong and it’s not a better idea. Not only is this an outright rude thing for the company to do, but it also adds toxins to the atmosphere. Stores are always extremely dark and smell deeply of their perfume, as that’s the way the CEO wants the setting to be like, so it seems more exclusive.



Some quotes that he said publically are, “A lot of people don’t belong [in our clothes], and they can’t belong” and that “Abercrombie is only interested in people with washboard stomachs who look like they’re about to jump on a surfboard.” This is generalizing the people who are “supposed” to wear the clothes, saying that they all have to keep a certain body and have an all-American look for themselves, or they “don’t belong” in A&F’s clothes.

Overall, A&F is a self-centered company with an even more selfish CEO, who needs to get some manners. Also some lights in the stores too, because it’s always so dark in there. Maybe they’re trying to make up from all the pollution from burning their clothes. If everyone could see what kind of company A&F is, and stopped buying their products, they would stop making profit and this would no longer be an issue.

Paper Airplanes

by Evan

You have a piece of paper, and you are wondering what to do with it. You could draw on it, write a story, or maybe make some art. Or, you could carefully fold it into an infinite variety of aircraft, capable of loops and dives and countless other maneuvers. I will show you some examples of paper airplanes I know of:



Fold the paper in half (in the long way)

Fold the top corners down to the fold, keeping the inside edges parallel to the middle fold until they meet.



Fold the paper about two centimeters down from the bottom edge of the corner fold

Fold the top corners down to the center fold



Fold the little triangle left under the now folded down corners up on top of them

Fold the plane in half so that the triangle is on the outside



Finally, fold both of the halves outwards so that they form wings.



Fold the paper in half and unfold

Fold the halves in half so that the edges touch above the crease in the middle.



Fold the bottom corners outwards along a line that goes from the bottom corners to the top center

Fold the top corners into the middle



Fold the top down along a line about 1 centimeter down from the now folded corners

Fold the new top corners into the center



Fold the small triangle under the folded corners up on top of them

Fold the plane in half so that the triangle is on the outside



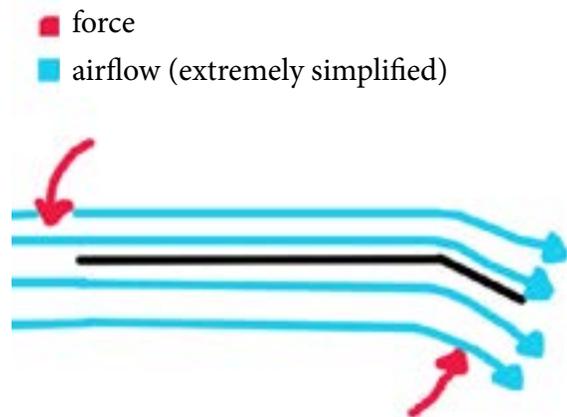
Fold the two halves downward so that they form wings.



Paper Airplanes (continued)

by Evan K

You may notice that your plane is not flying straight, or maybe even crashing into the ground. To solve this, you can make ailerons on your wings to control roll and pitch (up and down angle). If you put a downward bend on the wing, it forces the air down, and because forcing the air down at the back forces the wing's back up, it causes the wing to pitch down. If you put an upwards bend, it forces the air up and the back of the wing down, meaning it pitches up. For example, when I throw my airplane, it pitches up sharply and stalls. So, to keep it from pitching up, I bend the back edge of the wings downwards, like in the picture. You can also do this on individual wings, meaning that only one side of your plane is pushed downwards, causing a roll. Of course, there are many more aerodynamic forces acting on your planes, so experiment if it does not do what you expect.



Population By: Roman

Why the population? It could kill the whole world like that and in the future there might not even be a good and healthy world like everyone thinks of. It might even be dead to go through when we all grow up it won't look how it was everybody will be thirsty and everybody will suffer. Also overpopulation will be able to throw people of the world it will be like trillions of people in the world. Could the world hold on to much? People know it can't hold all the people: more traffic more people in crowds nobody could stop that because the world will be filled. Trees are falling animals are suffering and we just want what's good for us not for the animals. God sake we need to be equal with the animals and us homeless people living in the street and people not helping we all are not going to live something is going to happen to the world there will be almost dinosaurs and a big explosion that will kill all the people just how all the dinosaurs dies. This might sound stupid but it is a scientist hypothesis. Nobody in the world will know what happens and it is important for the world to be intelligent and to keep thinking what happened it will start with caveman and it will be intense when everybody knows that this will be the world. This could actually be all real and it could actually happen if you have a hypothesis for this scientific. "Overpopulation remains the leading driver of hunger, desertification, species depletion and a range of social maladies across the planet." This is what might happen in the future if we continue to pollute all of this.

What's good about the population is that they have a life they all have a living and people enjoy but some people are just potatoes and sit down for like ever they can't live like that so they take a run or walk in a beautiful path and they will enjoy that more better.

"Human population is growing like never before. We are now adding one billion people to the planet every 12 years. That's about 220,000 per day. The list of problems this is causing, or at least complicating, is a long one. It includes shortages of all our resources, war and social conflict, limits on personal freedom, overcrowding and the health and survival of other species. This page summarizes many of these problems, and more could easily be added. While overpopulation is not the sole cause of these, it is certainly a root cause. We hope to see more media coverage of this link"

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Harry Potter Fanfiction

by Mona

On a sunny day in June, the eleven SOS leaders are getting ready to board the Hogwarts Express. They are all discussing how excited they are for the special summer camp they are running at Hogwarts. Casey Jane and Steven are excited to help the less-fortunate Hogwarts students that live at Hogwarts year round. They help sort clothing, food, and school supplies. Ira and Daisy on the other hand, are excited to play with the kids that live in Hogsmeade. Hoping to be able to go to Weasley's Wizard Wheezes, they are full of excitement. Meanwhile, Katie and Emma are going to clean the Forbidden Forest with the help of Hagrid. Hopefully, they will be able to help the plants grow much better and protect the unicorns that live in the forest. Trevor, Adrien, and Rebeca brought their magical cameras to make a movie about what the other groups are doing. Also, they will help with the young future wizards that are hoping to tour Hogwarts, which they will attend in the future. David and Nick are ready to train students how to be leaders and prefects. They will also put on a play at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in Hogsmeade for the children. Also, there is a herd of interns: Alisha, Avalon, Charles, Brandon, Esteban, and Kaitlyn. They each help a pair of leaders. Professor Jessica is in charge of the entire camp. She routinely flies over the castle with her magical wings to see how all of the teams are doing.



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One time, the camp was playing a game of Zombietag in the castle, when Professor McGonagall appears, where once there was a cat. All of the campers freeze, as they are afraid of the wrath of McGonagall. Instead of yelling at them, Professor McGonagall joins the game. Halfway through the game, Professor Snape also appears. He is too busy moping about the death of his unrequited lover, Lily, to notice anything, but he can be heard muttering, "Always." All the campers look at him weirdly, because he has a strange obsession. Dumbledore shows up and simply watches, while magically conjuring wool socks to appear randomly.

Every morning, they gather all the campers to play Rev-Up. Their favorite is Portal Combat. Using Apparition, they teleport through the portals to avoid the onslaught of kooshballs and stuffed animals. After a full day of community service, they join to do Reflection. They discuss matters of great importance, the problems that plague Hogwarts. For example, one of the topics was ghost segregation: the ghosts that wander around Hogwarts felt segregated from the living students and decided they should do something about it. The Reflection groups gather and discuss the segregation and decide they should be more inclusive to the ghosts. The ghosts are overjoyed with the news. Also, for snack, each of the leaders magically conjures fruit leathers and raisins.



On the very first Friday, the camp decides to make a giant water park. Using their combined magic, they create a large array of slides, which they decide to call "Raging Waters." All the campers happily splash around. However, because of the unavailability of the Dole Whips, they decide to turn the people running the stand into spaghetti

The Bee Decline

By Mack

The decline of bees is a disaster spreading across the globe that has remained relatively unknown to most of the human population. On top of that, the cause has remained elusive to scientists around the world, while the solution has proven to be equally mysterious, requiring international cooperation to find only broken hypotheses and unproven theories.

The only thing researchers have concluded is that this decline will have dire consequences unless stopped. In the broadest sense, bees are pollinators for over thirty percent of our crops and are worth \$15 billion in direct crop value in the United States alone. Without bees we will have a massive extermination of farms and plants leading to famine, rising food prices, and even extinction.

Bees, (particularly honeybees) are of huge benefit to mankind. Not only are they valued for their honey for food and medicinal purposes, they are valuable as pollinators because they are a necessity to thousands of plant species. Bees are pollinators for many of the very common foods we eat every day including tomatoes, beans, onions, carrots, and hundreds of other vegetables, fruits, and plants that are dependent on bees. They are also pollinators for plants that are valuable to our livestock, such as clovers for chickens.

In essence, bees do the work that no human ingenuity can accomplish and our agricultural system would fail without them. They are invaluable pollinators to both agriculture and nature. The USDA reports a 38.4% loss of all bees over the past winter, a 9% decrease from last year. Over the last five winters they have been too much.

Regardless of Colony Collapse Disorder, bees are still in decline and have been for years. The United Nations recently declared that the decline of honeybees is now a global phenomenon, with African bees being the last to witness the slow decline. THIS IS A BAD THING, without them we'll die faster than a wild fire can spread.



The College Diet

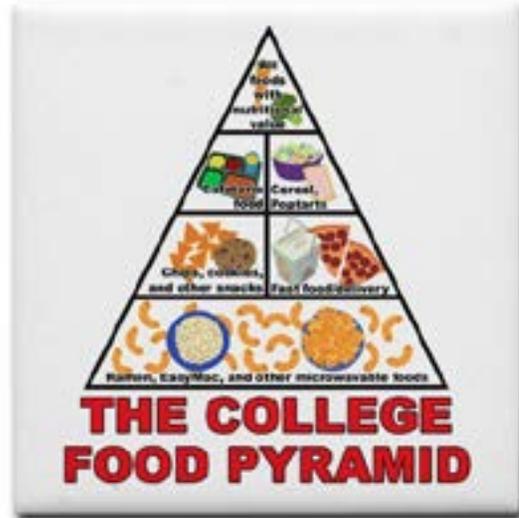
by Jeffrey S

What is a normal breakfast for you? Is it Eggs, cereal, maybe waffles or pancakes? Whatever it is, it's probably pretty good, unless you're in college. A college student's diet can be pretty scary, so we're going to take a look at the diet of the average student.

The average college diet actually was made into its own food pyramid. The diet consists of Cold sandwiches, Pizza, Bread, Potatoes, French fries, little to no vegetables, and lots of warm beer. In college it's not surprising that students have health issues.

We can't always just say college students are unhealthy because they choose, it's because they're on their own and a lot of food that's healthy is so expensive.

College students typically eat a lot of the same foods day after day. Often times there are not a variety of foods available for college students to eat. Either they end up going to the same local restaurants, or eat the same foods every day in the dining hall or cafe.



College students need to be mindful of what they're eating, or else they can head down a dangerous path. If students eat the same foods every day, they can be missing out on important vitamins and minerals that their bodies need.

Also, eating the same foods over and over can be detrimental to your overall health, especially if those foods are full of unhealthy fats, are processed foods, or contain an unhealthy amount of sugar. Students should try mixing it up with vegetables, fruits, and whole-grains as much as possible.

Students need to be conscious everyday of what they are eating. They need to make educated decisions about their diets, or else they can fall into a mindless pit of unhealthy eating that can be harmful to their health.



The Odds Are

by Daniel C.

- The odds of being struck by lightning are 576,000 to 1.
- The odds of getting a hole in one are 5,000 to 1.
- The odds that a celebrity marriage will last a lifetime are 3 to 1.
- The odds of having your identity stolen are 200 to 1.
- The odds of having twins in North America are 90 to 1.
- The odds of becoming a pro athlete are 22,000 to 1.
- The odds of finding a four leaf clover on the first try are 10,000 to 1.
- The odds of winning an academy award are 11,500 to 1.
- The odds of dating a millionaire are 215 to 1.
- The odds of being an astronaut are 13,200,000 to 1.
- The odds of an injury from fireworks are 19,556 to 1.
- The odds of drowning in a bathtub are 685,000 to 1.
- The odds of having an injury from shaving are 6,585 to 1.

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