

...Stay involved after March 24th

March 24th should not be the end result of all of the organizing that went into it. There will be plenty of anti-war organizing to do throughout the spring and summer and March 24th should be a springboard for all upcoming events (Rumsfeld visit, NH presidential debates, United States Social Forum, etc.)

In addition to providing opportunities for people to plug directly in to the anti-war movement at the Peace and Justice Fair, we hope that people will use and promote the "Sharing Our Strengths" regional message board – www.stopthewar.org/regional.

STOP THE WAR!

MARCH 24TH - NOON BOSTON COMMON



'TROOPS HOME NOW!

WWW.MARCH24.ORG

Organizing for March 24th – How to...

...Organize a meeting to plan for March 24th

This organizing packet includes a leaflet you can use to organize a meeting on your campus or in your community to promote participation in the March 24th demonstration. In the "Local Contact" area of the leaflet you can fill in the time, date and location of your meeting.

There are a variety of options for the format of your meeting-

Panel discussions.

Video showings.

Informal discussions/brainstorming.

Working meeting – sign & banner making.

Planning a feeder march or peace train from your campus or neighborhood.

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Feeder March

Feeder marches are a fun way of mobilizing people from a particular campus or neighborhood. These marches spread the message beyond the area of the main demonstration and have the potential to draw more draw people in along the way.

Peace Train

If your campus or neighborhood is too far for a march to the Common, pick a T station to meet at an hour before the start of the demonstration. The effect will be a mini-rally during the time you are there and a train full of protestors is always a good time.

...Set up an information table

A small table with information about March 24th is a good way to spread the word and meet new contacts for future events.

The March 24th Coalition can set you up with leaflets, stickers and any other promotional items that you need. If you need additional people to staff the table, we can help with that too.

Tips for tabling

Visible Message – make a big sign to hang on the front of the table with a clear message such as “STOP THE WAR” or “TROOPS HOME NOW”.

Grab attention – street theater, sidewalk chalk, picket signs, etc. Talking to people as they pass by helps a lot too.

Have at least 2 people staffing the table and more if possible. People can leaflet a short distance away and direct people to the table if they want more information.

Have plenty of materials and encourage people to take leaflets and stickers to distribute with them.

...Get to Washington D.C. on March 17th

Buses will be going to Washington D.C. for the March on the Pentagon. Below is contact information if you need tickets.

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...Participate locally on March 17th

Organizations throughout New England are planning local demonstrations for people who can not get to D.C. on March 17th. In New Hampshire a large demonstration is happening in Concord and in Maine vigils will be held on town greens across the state.

Many local demonstrations are still in the planning stages. Be sure to check www.March24.org and www.StoptheWars.org/Regional for updates.

...Get your message out on March 24th

The March 24th Coalition is made up many groups that support the 2 demands: “**Stop the War!**” and “**Troops Home Now!**” But in addition to those two demands, we also have our own perspectives on how the war relates to other important issues. The March 24th demonstration will provide everybody in the anti-war movement with a platform to express their views.

Peace and Justice Fair

An additional area will be set aside for tents, tables and booths to provide for some interaction and encourage people to plug directly into particular projects or learn about certain issues related to the war.

Open Mic/Speak Out

A second stage with an open mic format will be going for most of the day on March 24th. If you or someone from your organization would like to speak on the second stage you can get in touch to reserve a space or sign up on the day of.