Evergreen YDSA // The Arcade Projects

WELCOME LETTER -- OCTOBER 2026

REBELS STUDENTS WORKERS

Welcome to The Arcade Projects/Evergreen YDSA! We are thrilled to be kicking off another edition of Disorientation Week, so far having hosted a street action safety training, campus concert, and group reading of the Disorientation Manual!

Rounding out the week, we will be hosting a **Know Your Rights training tomorrow on Thursday the 8th in the HCC from 6 to 8 PM**, and our **Kickoff Meeting on Friday the 9th also in the HCC from 6-8** (agenda here).

Of course, that's not all we're up to! But before we get into this year's projects, let us introduce ourselves...

Who Are We?

At this point, The Arcade Projects have existed for almost 5 years. In this time we have embarked upon various campaigns, programs, and committees to study, engage with, and grow the salvaged history of revolutionary communist, anarchist, and socialist movements. The name Arcade Projects is an homage to one of our original influences, Marxist writer Walter Benjamin, to signify that we are a hub of different experimental projects rooted in one psycho-social space.

Last year, we made the decision to become a chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists of America -- youth and campus section of the DSA. It is the largest organization of students fighting for socialism in the nation, with a wealth of resources and opportunities for engaging

with different political strategies on a national scale since each chapter is given a great degree of practical autonomy. Sign up here to become a voting member (there is a dues-waiving form available here).

We engage with politics through the revolutionary class struggle. This means that **we stand in combat with all forms of alienation and exploitation** at Evergreen and beyond, and our projects -- rooted in working-class power -- are conducted in the service of this aim.

Fall Plan

Our fall plan, which can be found in detail here, outlines this quarter's priorities:

- **Disorientation Week**

This is our flagship fall series of events, where we disorient Evergreen students new and old, introducing them to our radical campus culture and history. This is going fantastically so far!

- **Reconstitute Working Groups**

We are rebuilding our working groups, which are the projects that constitute Arcade. Currently, we have formed Red Rabbits and Aesthetics Committees, and will restart our efforts in Labor, Political Education, Membership & Outreach, and more at Friday's Kickoff Meeting. If you want to get involved, this is where!

- **Rapid Response**

This spring, we embarked on a rapid response project to prepare and defend our communities from the potential presences of ICE/DHS, Police, or Fascists. We want to expand this campaign this fall, with a goal of having response teams for each building in housing by the end of the quarter. We will be launching Rapid Response at the Know Your

Rights training on Thursday.

Coordinator Office Hours

If you want to get involved, or have any questions, comments, or ideas for Arcade Projects, revolutionary socialism, disorientation, evergreen, or whatever, these are our office hours in Student Activities on the 3rd floor of the CAB:

- Wednesdays 1-4
- Thursdays 2-5
- Friday 12-3

If none of these times work for you, reply to this email and we can set up a time to meet 1 on 1!

Final Remarks

Though we've done a lot of work to get this far, we are only at the beginning. If we want to dream of revolution, of international socialism, of freedom for all of humanity, then we must set our sights, refine our analysis, and develop deeper roots in the working class on-and-off campus. And of course, we'll need your help to get there.

Our General Meetings on **Fridays from 6-8** are typically in CAB 304, though for this week (and potentially the next few) we will be in the **Housing Community Center** due to the CAB elevators being broken**.**

Love and Solidarity,

The Arcade Projects // Evergreen YDSA
Aiden & Jamie -- Co-chairs
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