



Be a part of Fort Worth Sister Cities International! Join us in sharing our Fort Worth hospitality by hosting an international student or teacher during the 2012 International Leadership Academy & Jr. ILA. High school students and teachers are from Italy, Germany, Japan, Indonesia, Hungary, Mexico, Swaziland and China.

Home Hosting Opportunities

There are now **TWO** exciting cultural opportunities to home host international students and teachers:

A) July 6-14th - ILA Cultural Week - high school and college students and teachers from Toluca, Mexico; Reggio Emilia, Italy, Trier, Germany; Budapest, Hungary; and Mbabane, Swaziland will participate in the Jr. ILA program. *Students from Toluca, Mexico will be the facilitators for middle school youth from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. during the week with classes held at one of our local schools. Planned daytime activities will take place for the students from the other countries, and their teenage host brothers and sisters can also participate in those activities.*

B) Friday, July 20-Sunday night, July 22 - just three nights! Return the students to TCU on Monday morning, July 23. High school students from our sister cities and teachers all speak English and want to experience our Texas Hospitality! We are expecting up to 100 youth!

- A Host family orientation will be scheduled **in late June with a location to be decided** to ensure an enriched and successful hosting experience. You will receive the photo and profile of your guests at this meeting.
- Host families **do not need to have teenage children to host** since international students will be in class with high school students during the day.
- Families with no children in the home are asked to host two students of the same gender from the same country.
- Host families DO NOT have to be Fort Worth Sister Cities members, so if you have friends who can help, please let us know or have them contact our office for information. **If not current members - they will receive a complimentary one year family membership to Fort Worth Sister Cities International.**
- ***All Fort Worth Sister Cities International Student Ambassadors must be paying members.**
- Be part of an enriching international experience for both your family and the visiting student!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The International Leadership Academy is a two-week international issues forum which brings together high school students from Fort Worth and students from our sister cities. Students solve a global problem focused through cross-cultural discussions and interactive work groups. They attend classes at TCU from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All students are housed at TCU.

Up to 15 high school students and 2 teachers have been invited from our eight sister cities!

Proposed Schedule for JILA and ILA:

- Early July 2012 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.: Host family orientation for families hosting during ILA. Meet other host families and learn about your visiting student; profiles and photos on international students/teachers will be issued.
- Saturday, July 7, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Toluca University Student facilitator training
- Monday, July 9, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. drop off. Pick up at 5:00 p.m. for Junior International Leadership Academy
- Friday, July 13, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. JILA Closing Ceremony
- Saturday, July 14th-ILA TCU Dorm Check in
- Tuesday, July 17 - 6:30 p.m. Dessert reception for ILA students. Host families to meet guest.
- Friday, July 20 - 5p.m. - 6 p.m.: Host families pick up students/teachers from TCU dorms. Free evening with hosts.
- Saturday, July 21 - Sunday, July 22 - Free weekend with host families.
- Monday, July 23 - 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - drop off at TCU Dorms. Students check back into dorms
- Friday, July 27th - Youth Ambassador dance - host brothers and sisters invited
- Saturday, July 28th-10:00 a.m.-12 noon: Closing Recognition Ceremony & Program at TCU. Host families invited.
- Sunday, July 29th - All international groups depart from TCU dorms to DFW for country departures.

Contact Fort Worth Sister Cities Office if you are available to host or need additional information.

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