JR. INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

July 11-15, 2022

Building international relationships and
developing culturally competent leaders since 2006

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Join this dynamic summer leadership program specifically designed for middle school students completing grades 6-8. The Jr. International Leadership Academy students will develop relationships with other students in Fort Worth, as well as university students from Toluca, Mexico while studying international cultures in a creative, fun, and educational environment. This year’s theme, *The Art of Peace*, will encourage students to explore and focus on current issues as they gain essential leadership and communication skills through cross-cultural activities such as art, music and language.

JILA is a highly interactive program modeled after Sister Cities’ prestigious high school program. Classes will be held at the World Languages Institute, and a special closing ceremony will take place on Friday evening. Educators, as well as local and international university interns, serve as facilitators, working with youth to discuss and creatively resolve global issues. Sister Cities has provided this award-winning program since 2006.

**Benefits of attending:**
- Develop global leadership, communication, teamwork and problem solving skills
- Gain an understanding of other cultures, traditions and citizen diplomacy
- Strengthen global perspectives and appreciation for other cultures
- Experience other cultures through an opportunity to home host international students

**How to register:**
- Students in current grades 6-8 may [register online](#) here and [submit non-refundable deposit](#) here

**Tuition:** $325 (Limited partial scholarships are available and do not cover the deposit.)

Includes:
- Course materials and instructor fees for classes
- Transportation and entry fees for any scheduled field trips
- Class t-shirt, program certificate and class photo
- Priority consideration for Sister Cities Youth Ambassador spring and summer exchanges in 2023 for 7th and 8th graders
- Closing ceremony and international reception with parents and host families
- One year membership to Fort Worth Youth International

**KEY DATES**

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<td>Mandatory orientation for parents, students and host families</td>
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<td>Jr. ILA program, 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the World Languages Institute</td>
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<td>Closing recognition reception, 5:00 p.m. Parents invited.</td>
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<td>July 8-16 &amp; 21-25</td>
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