



Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC) Annual Event and Exchange List - 2018

Date	Event	Venue & Information	Descriptions	Date & Venue for 2018
Jan (3 rd Tue)	Monthly Board Meeting	Coloma Community Center	Our board meets on the 3 rd Monday of every month, except the Tuesday after when Monday is a holiday, and 2 nd Monday in Nov and Dec.	1/16, 2/20, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 12/10
Jan - 3 rd Tue or other date as announced	Info Briefing on Summer Youth Ambassador Trip to China	Coloma Community Center Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073	http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/ 5 days of free stay in Jinan are provided to all participants. In addition, 3 scholarships of \$2000, \$1000, \$500 to selected students, and stipend to selected chaperon teacher(s). Deadline to apply: Jan 26.	2/3-2/4, student interview for scholarship JSSCC Office 6750 Folsom Blvd Sacramento (65 th St. & Folsom Blvd)
Jan and dates in other months	Work day at the "Sister City Friendship Garden"	South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road. http://sistercitiesfriendshipgarden.org/	The "Sister City Friendship Garden" (located at South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Rd) is initiated by the Sacramento Sister Cities Council. Organizations representing each of the 10 sister cities of Sacramento volunteer to plant trees and maintain the Garden. Our members planted a willow tree representing Jinan.	TBD upon discussion at the Sister Cities Council meeting
Varied Date	JSSCC Annual Banquet & General Membership Meeting	Varied location www.jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073 Ask for Gloria	Our annual gala that brings together JSSCC members, supporters, friends of partners organizations, and China trip participants for a night of gourmet Chinese dinner, entertainments, networking, and video presentation of our 'Youth Ambassador' summer to China by students. Special performances of Chinese New Year music by musicians from Jinan.	2/9, Friday, 6PM, Asian Pearl Restaurant (6821 Stockton Blvd #165, Sacramento, CA 95823)
Feb (varied date based on Chinese New Year)	Chinese New Year Festival	Various locations www.cnyca.net	As a seed organization of the Chinese New Year Celebration Association, we continue to support this Festival. Come join us for a day of fun, and stop by our booth. Program includes entertainment, children's game, vendor booths and product exhibition and ballroom dancing, etc.	2/10, Sat, noon – 5pm Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium and Gym
Jan - Feb	Winter Camp	Local schools offering Mandarin as an option of foreign language	Upon request from Jinan, we sponsor Chinese students that are in their winter break to visit Sacramento and be shadowed on campus by their peers in schools in the	1/27 – 2/11



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			Greater Sacramento area, as a way for them to learn about each other's schools, cultures, history and life style.	
Mar or Apr (2 nd Sat or varied)	STEM Fair	Varied location www.sacstemfair.org	Newly added since 2015. We sponsor Jinan middle school or high school students to attend the Sac STEM Fair and visit local schools.	3/10, American River College 3/31 – 4/2: Jinan students in Sacramento
March (3 rd Mon)	Preparation for the summer exchange	Coloma Community Center Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073	Prepare gifts, speech and performance for the 'Youth Ambassador' trip. http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/	3/21, 5:30PM
April (3 rd Mon)	Orientation meetings for summer exchange	Coloma Community Center	Distribute trip guide and checklist, collect passports for Chinese entry visa processing, and answer any questions tour participants may have. http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/	4/18, 5:30PM
Various Dates	Jinan official delegation to visit Sacramento	www.jsscc.org	Per the sister-city MOU, an official delegation from Jinan will visit Sacramento every other year.	TBD per discussion with Jinan Foreign Affairs Office (JFAO)
Early to mid-May (2 nd Thu)	Jinan Youth Delegation –Peace Messengers to Visit Sacramento	Sacramento, San Francisco & Atlanta www.worldpeacerosegards.org	We proudly sponsor eight winning students of the 'Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest' to visit Sacramento and Atlanta. Read their winning poems at www.jsscc.org	5/10, Atlanta 5/6 – 5/8: Jinan students in Sacramento
May (2 nd Sat)	Locke Asian Pacific Festival	Locke Town www.locke-foundation.org	As one of the major supporters, we proudly promote the Chinese culture in the Greater Sacramento Area. Stop by our booth and get a customized JSSCC bookmarker.	5/12 (Tentatively)
May (3 rd Sunday)	Pacific Rim Street Fest	South Side Park www.pacificrimstreetfest.com	Stop by our booth and get a customized JSSCC bookmarker. We also have souvenirs we acquired through trips to China and other exhibits to showcase the Chinese culture.	5/20 (Tentatively)
Late Jun – Early July	Annual 'Youth Ambassador' Summer Exchange to China	Jinan, Beijing, and Qufu http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/	Selected student participants will visit Jinan, Beijing and Qufu, Confucius birthplace. All participants enjoy 5-day free stay in Jinan with host families. In addition, scholarships (\$2000, \$1000, \$500) are offered to students	6/20 – 6/29



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			and subsidy is provided to chaperone teacher(s). This exchange promises to be an eye-opening experience and a life-changing trip.	
The Week after July 4th	Chamber Music Workshop with Sacramento Youth Symphony	Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.685.8049 http://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org/#!blank/cel8	Since 2009, we sponsor this annual cultural exchange to allow music students from the Jinan Children's Palace to attend the Chamber Music Workshop week 1 program alongside local students of the Sacramento Youth Symphony.	7/9 – 7/14, CSUS Capistrano Hall 7/1 – 7/10: Jinan students (13-15 years old) in Sacramento
2nd Sat of July	Trip Reunion and Membership Drive Potluck	Former President Mark's Estate	Our annual tradition - Past China trip participants get together and 'show and tell' about their trip. Reception for visiting Jinan students. Welcome members and their family and friends and anyone who's interested in our program to join us.	7/7, Former President Mark's House in Carmichael
August	Youth Leadership Summit (YLS)	www.sister-cities.org Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.685.8049 Various cities	Newly added since 2014. We sponsor select Jinan and Sacramento high school students attend the Youth Leadership Summit in conjunction with the Annual Conference by the Sister Cities International.	YSL: 8/2 – 8/4, Aurora, Colorado 7/27 – 7/31: Jinan students in Sacramento
July - August	Summer Camps (English language, Science, Outdoors, Music, Sports, etc.)	Local schools offering Mandarin as an option of foreign language	Upon request from Jinan, we sponsor Chinese students to visit Sacramento and attend summer camps organized by local schools, collages, parks and other non-profit or private organizations, as a way for the Chinese students to immerse in English learning environment and expand their knowledge of American culture as well as the interest in the areas they choose.	7/1 – 8/31
Weekend before or after Oct 1	China National Day celebration	Varied location http://www.chinanationalday.org/	JSSCC continues to support and participate in the China National Day celebration dinner in Sacramento	TBD
Various Dates in the Fall	Annual Goodwill Trip to China	www.jsscc.org	Per the sister-city MOU, JSSCC members and supporters and local business leaders led by elected official(s) visit Jinan every other year or upon invitation by the JFAO.	TBD upon invitation from Jinan
Oct & Nov	Discussion of next year's programs & special projects	Coloma Community Center	In the monthly board meeting, JSSCC board will discuss plans and determine programs and projects for next year.	10/15, 11/12



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Oct	NorCal Sister-City Annual Conference	A city in Northern CA http://norcalsistercities.tumblr.com/	Join us in this one-day event on Sat to network and share info with other sister-city organizations in Northern CA. We're an active member of our national network as well as regional network of sister-city organizations.	TBD
Dec or Jan	Christmas & New Year Party	Varied location	We invite board members, donors and key supporters to this annual tradition and celebrate Christmas and the new year together as a family	TBD
All Year Long	Liaison Office in Jinan Established	Contact: Grace Liu Grace.Liu@jsscc.org 916.792.0902	With the Jinan City government and Hai'er Corporation offering us free space, we opened a liaison office in Jinan to reach out to the business community and help our two cities promote trade and investment opportunities, and to expand existing cultural and educational programs to benefit more citizens of Jinan and Sacramento. Contact us for business opportunities, investment interest in Sacramento or Jinan, import and export with China, trips and cultural exchanges to China, student exchange to or from China, etc.	Seeking partner organizations in Sacramento and student assistant in Jinan
All Year Long	High School Homestay Exchange	Contact: Grace Liu Grace.Liu@jsscc.org 916.792.0902	As a U.S. State Department-designated sponsoring organization, we can help process the J-1 secondary school student visa. The Program is an opportunity to host selected Jinan high school students from Jinan sister city for a year or semester of high school in the Greater Sacramento Region. We will provide oversight for the student, recruit a host family, and include the student in sister city activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to help a young person experience life and culture in the U.S. The program benefits host families and local school communities. Students frequently report that their experiences are "life-changing", and indeed they often make friendships that last a lifetime.	Recruitment starts in Nov 2017 Jinan students to arrive in Sacramento in mid-Jul, and start in School Year 2018-2019.
Special Project	Jinan artists to perform at Sacramento Kings	In partnership with Sacramento Kings http://www.nba.com/ki	Jinan professional musicians, dancers and singers will travel here to bring authentic Chinese cultural dance and music with traditional Chinese instruments to Kings' Lunar	2/22 Thursday 7PM, Golden 1 Center



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	Lunar New Year Game	ngs/	New Year Game and reach an audience of over 10,000 from the Sacramento and surrounding area.	
Special Project (Tentatively)	SYMPHONY OF 2000	In partnership with the Sacramento Youth Symphony http://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org	We will organize musicians from Jinan to participate in this one-day rehearsal and concert of music. One thousand musicians and one thousand singers will join together for the performance of a lifetime. The Sacramento Youth Symphony, in coordination with other arts organizations, will be producing Symphony of 2000 as a community event for music enthusiasts of all ages and levels.	TBD