



Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC) Annual Event and Exchange List (Dates Vary by Year)

#	Dates for 20XX	Event	Venue & Information	Descriptions	Usually Take Place on These Dates
1	1/22, 4/13, 7/20, 10/19	Board Meeting	Will notify upon request	Our board usually meets on the 3 rd Monday of the first month of each quarter, or the Tuesday after when Monday is a holiday.	Jan – Dec (Once every quarter)
2	1/11, Sat, 10AM-Noon	10-11AM Info Briefing on Summer Youth Ambassador Exchange to China 11AM-Noon Info Briefing on China trip)	Coloma Community Center 4623 T Street, Sacramento (916) 808-6060	https://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-description/ 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: January 20.	Always in Jan.
3	Friday 1/17 6PM	JSSCC Annual Banquet & General Membership Meeting	Asian Pearl Restaurant www.jsscc.org info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073	Our annual meeting rolls out our plan for the year. A nine-course dinner will be served along with entertainment, speeches and video presentations of our various programs including 'Youth Ambassador' summer exchanges to China by students, Youth Leadership Summit, annual goodwill trip to China, and our participation and support in local events and programs promoting the Chinese culture and Mandarin language learning.	Varied Date in the 1 st quarter of each year or the 4 th quarter of the previous year.
4	TBD	Work day at the "Sister City Friendship Garden"	South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road. https://humanecology.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk161/files/inline-files/IANwar.pdf	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.	Jan and dates in other months upon discussion at the Sister Cities Council meeting

5	2/1 Sat, 2/9 Sun & optional 2/15 Sat	Interviews for Youth Ambassador Scholarship	6760 Folsom Blvd Sacramento CA95819	https://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-description/ Candidates for Youth Ambassador scholarships will be interviewed.	Feb (varied dates to be announced)
6	2/8, Sat, 11AM – 5PM	Chinese New Year Festival	Johnson High School Auditorium 6879 14th Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820 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 stage performances, children’s game, vendor booths and product exhibition, and ballroom dancing, etc.	Feb (varied date based on Chinese New Year)
7	TBD	Sacramento Regional STEM Fair (a 12-county science, technology, engineering, and math competition for students in grades 6-12)	American River College www.sacstemfair.org	Newly added since 2015. We sponsor Jinan students to attend the Sac STEM Fair and visit local schools. Students in grades 5-11 can participate in a non-judged showcase division.	Mar or Apr (on a Sat)
8	3/16, 5:30PM	Preparation for the summer exchange	Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073	Prepare gifts, speech and performance for the ‘Youth Ambassador’ exchange https://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-description/	Usually March (3 rd Mon)
9	4/20, 5:30PM	Orientation meetings for summer exchange	Churchill Middle School info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073	Distribute trip guide and checklist, collect passports for Chinese entry visa processing, and answer questions.	April (3 rd Mon)
10	TBD per discussion with Jinan	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.	Various Dates
11	5/12 - 5/14, Atlanta, 5/14 night – 5/17 morning: Jinan students in Sacramento, San Francisco	Jinan Youth Delegation – Peace Messengers to Visit Sacramento	Sacramento, San Francisco & Atlanta http://www.worldpeacerosegardens.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	Early to mid-May (2 nd Thu – Award Ceremony in Atlanta)
12	5/16	Locke Asian Pacific Festival	Locke Town www.lockefoundation.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.	May (3 rd Sat)

13	6/16 – 6/25	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 and subsidy is provided to chaperone teacher(s). This exchange promises to be an eye-opening experience and a life-changing trip.	Late Jun – Early July
14	Week 1 - 6/29-7/3; Week 2 - July 6 - 11 Jinan students arriving 3 days before the class.	Chamber Music Workshop with Sacramento Youth Symphony	CSUS Capistrano Hall http://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org/summer-workshops-scmw	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.	The Week before or after July 4th
15	Date and Venue TBD	Youth Leadership Summit	www.sister-cities.org Email: info@jsscc.org Tel: 916.690.2073 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.	July
16	7/12	Trip Reunion and Membership Drive Potluck	Former President Mark’s House in Carmichael	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.	Sat or Sun of Early to Mid July, based on Youth Ambassador exchange dates
17	September or October (around August 15 of Lunar Calendar)	Harvest Moon Festival - Celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival	California State University, Sacramento or other venue	We organize this event in collaboration with CSUC to promote cultural understanding of diverse populations. Entertainments includes singing, dancing, traditional Chinese instruments, etc. Cultural demonstrations and learning: Calligraphy, ink brush painting, Chinese paper cutting, paper lantern making, etc. Crafts and souvenirs, food and beverage, mooncake tasting, etc.	September or October
18	September (2 weeks usually, or 9 days for shortened itinerary)	Annual Trip to China	www.jsscc.org grace.liu@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 Jinan Foreign Affairs Office. We’ve visited Jinan every year in the last three years and attended the annual international sister cities event hosted by the City of Jinan. Our itinerary combines metropolises such as Beijing and Shanghai	Various Dates in the Fall (Usually starts on Labor Day weekend. Trip is 9 to 15 days long)

19	10/1	China National Day celebration	Varied location chinanationalday.org	JSSCC continues to support and participate in the China National Day celebration dinner in Sacramento	Weekend before or after Oct 1
20	TBD	NorCal Sister-City Annual Conference	A city in Northern CA http://www.norcalcities.org/about-us/	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.	Late Oct or early Nov
21	11/12	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.	Oct or Nov
22	12/9	Holiday Party	Varied location	We invite members, donors and key supporters to this annual tradition and celebrate Christmas and the new year together as a family.	Dec
23	Date TBD Beijing, Jinan, and Qufu.	Spring Break Trip (such as Youth Chamber Concert or other school or community group) Tour in China	https://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org/summer-workshops-scmw		Special Trip
24	Recruitment starts in Nov fo: Jinan students to arrive in Sacramento in	High School Homestay Exchange	Contact: Grace Liu Grace.Liu@jsscc.org	As a U.S. State Department-designated sponsoring organization, we can help process the J-1 secondary school student visa starting in the next school year. 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	Special Project

	mid-Jul and start in next School Year			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.	
25	TBD	Trade Office in Jinan	Contact: Grace Liu Grace.Liu@jsscc.org	The Jinan City government offered us free office space and invites Sacramento to open a liaison/Trade office in Jinan to expand existing cultural and educational programs to benefit more citizens of Jinan and Sacramento, and reach out to the business community to help two cities promote trade and investment opportunities.	Special Project