



## Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation (JSSCC) Annual Event and Exchange List - 2024

Date	Event	Venue & Information	Descriptions	Date & Venue for 2024
Jan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting	Zoom or In Person	Our board meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month.	1/9, 3/12, 5/14, 7/9, 9/10, 11/12.
Jan - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue or other date as announced	Info Briefing on Summer Youth Ambassador Trip to China	Zoom Meeting Email: <a href="mailto:info@jsscc.org">info@jsscc.org</a>	<a href="http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/">http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/</a> 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. Info Briefing: 1/7	2/10-2/11 Tentatively, student interview for scholarship JSSCC Office 6750 Folsom Blvd Sacramento, or Designated School
Jan and dates in other months	Work day at the "Sister City Friendship Garden"	South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Road. <a href="https://sistercitiesfriendshipgarden.wordpress.com/">https://sistercitiesfriendshipgarden.wordpress.com/</a>	The "Sister City Friendship Garden" (located at South Natomas Community Center, 2921 Truxel Rd) is initiated by the Sacramento Sister Cities Council. Volunteers of organizations representing each of the 12 sister cities of Sacramento plant trees and maintain the Garden. Our members planted a willow tree representing Jinan.	TBD upon discussion at the Sister Cities Council meeting
Thursday 2/8, 6PM (Usually late Jan or in Feb)	JSSCC Annual Banquet & General Membership Meeting	Varied location <a href="http://www.jsscc.org">www.jsscc.org</a> 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.	2/8 Thursday, 6PM, Asian Pearl Restaurant (6821 Stockton Blvd #165, Sacramento, CA 95823)
Feb 24, 2024 (varied date annually based on Chinese New Year)	Chinese New Year Festival	Various locations <a href="http://www.cnyca.net">www.cnyca.net</a>	As a seed organization of the Chinese New Year Celebration Association (CNYCA), we continue to support this Festival. Come join us for a day of fun and stop by our booth. Program includes live entertainment (stage program admission ticket: Adult \$10, Children \$3), children's game, cultural demonstration, vendor booths and product exhibition, etc.	2/24, Sat, noon – 5pm Luther Burbank High School Auditorium, Gym, Cafeteria, and Campus.



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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 Greater Sacramento area, as a way for them to learn about each other's schools, cultures, history and lifestyle.	Upon Request by Jinan. May Resume in 2025.
Mar or Apr (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat or varied)	STEM Fair	Varied location <a href="http://www.sacstemfair.org">www.sacstemfair.org</a>	Newly added since 2015. We sponsor Jinan middle school or high school students to attend the Sac STEM Fair and visit local schools.	In discussion. TBD. May resume in 2025.
March (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	Preparation for the summer exchange	Zoom Email: <a href="mailto:info@jsscc.org">info@jsscc.org</a>	Prepare gifts, speech and performance for the 'Youth Ambassador' trip. <a href="http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/">http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/</a>	3/18, 7PM
Varied. Around Easter	Youth Ambassador Spring Break China Trip	Beijing, Jinan and Qufu Email: <a href="mailto:info@jsscc.org">info@jsscc.org</a>	Newly added for 2024. Upon request from Mandarin class teachers, students and parents of local high schools, we're organizing a Spring Break trip to China for these students selected by their Mandarin teachers.	<u>Itinerary</u> : 3/23 – 3/31. Leave on 3/23 SFO-PEK and back on 3/31. Info Briefing via Zoom on 1/7.
April (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	Orientation meetings for summer exchange	Zoom or Designated school (Location to be announced)	Distribute trip guide and checklist, collect passports for Chinese entry visa processing, and answer any questions tour participants may have. <a href="http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/">http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/</a>	4/15, 6PM
Various Dates	Jinan official delegation to visit Sacramento	<a href="http://www.jsscc.org">www.jsscc.org</a>	Per the sister-city MOU, an official delegation from Jinan will visit Sacramento every other year. We facilitate the communication between the City of Sacramento and Jinan Municipal Government and coordinate the visit. We also arrange the transportation, business discussion, and tours.	TBD per discussion with Jinan Foreign Affairs Office (JFAO)
Mid-May (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu in Atlanta if invited)	Jinan Youth Delegation –Peace Messengers to Visit Sacramento	Sacramento, San Francisco & Atlanta <a href="http://www.worldpeaceorsegaridens.org">www.worldpeaceorsegaridens.org</a>	We proudly sponsor eight winning students of the 'Inspirational Messages of Peace Contest' to visit Sacramento (and Atlanta if invited by the <a href="#">MLK Jr. National Historical Site</a> . Read their winning poems at <a href="https://jsscc.org/peace-messenger/">https://jsscc.org/peace-messenger/</a>	Tentatively 5/18. 5/16 – 5/19: Jinan students in Sacramento



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May (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	Locke Asian Pacific Festival	Locke Town <a href="http://www.locke-foundation.org">www.locke-foundation.org</a>	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 or other cultural crafts or souvenirs.	5/11 (Tentatively) Locke, CA
Late Jun – Early July	Annual ‘Youth Ambassador’ Summer Exchange to China	Jinan, Beijing, and Qufu <a href="http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/">http://jsscc.org/youth-ambassador-program/</a>	Selected student participants will visit Jinan, Beijing and Qufu, Confucius birthplace. All participants enjoy a 5-day free stay in Jinan with host families. In addition, scholarships (\$2500, \$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.	Tentatively: 6/19 – 6/28/2024
Late June - early July	Chamber Music Workshop with Sacramento Youth Symphony	Email: <a href="mailto:info@jsscc.org">info@jsscc.org</a> <a href="https://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org/summer-workshops-scmw">https://www.sacramento-youthsymphony.org/summer-workshops-scmw</a>	Register by April 1. 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. Week 1 Program: St. Anthony Church: 660 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95831, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tuition: \$100 Week 2 Program: CSUS Capistrano Hall 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Tuition: \$450 + \$4.95	Week 1 (ages 7-12, strings only): 6/17 – 6/21 Week 2 (age 11-19, intermediate to advanced level): 6/24-6/29, account fee 6/22-7/1 Tentatively: Jinan students in Sacramento
June or July Weekend when Jinan Students in Sacramento	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.	6/30 Tentatively, Former President Mark’s House in Carmichael
August	Youth Leadership Summit (YLS)	<a href="https://www.sistercities.org/yls">https://www.sistercities.org/yls</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@jsscc.org">info@jsscc.org</a> Various cities	Newly added since 2014. We sponsor select Jinan and Sacramento high school students to 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	In discussion. On as-needed basis.



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			immerse in English learning environment and expand their knowledge of American culture as well as the interest in the areas they choose. Students may also attend classes for a few days in local school once the semester starts in August.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of September	Harvest Moon Festival	California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Capistrano Concert Hall and Courtyard 6000 J St, Sacramento, CA 95819 <a href="https://jsscc.org/2023-programs-and-events/">https://jsscc.org/2023-programs-and-events/</a>	New event since 2022. At the end of the pandemic in fall 2022, we started organizing this event in partnership with CSUS Asian Study Program to celebrate the mid-Autumn Festival, a holiday observed by many Asian cultures. The purpose is to celebrate harvest and the harmony of family and community. The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Moon Festival will be held in 2024, with added seminars and more vendors in addition to the live performance in the Music Hall and cultural demonstrations at the courtyard. We plan to invite Jinan performers to participate in the stage program and craftsmen and artists for cultural demonstrations.	Sunday 9/22, 10AM – 2PM
Various Dates in the Fall	Annual Goodwill Trip to China	<a href="http://www.jsscc.org">www.jsscc.org</a>	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
Weekend before or after Oct 1	China National Day celebration	Varied location <a href="http://www.chinanationalday.org/">http://www.chinanationalday.org/</a>	JSSCC continues to support and participate in the China National Day celebration event in Sacramento	TBD
Oct	NorCal Sister-City Annual Conference	A city in Northern CA <a href="https://norcalsistercities.org/">https://norcalsistercities.org/</a>	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
Oct & Nov	Solicitation and discussion of next year's programs, special projects, and fundraising opportunities.	Zoom or In Person	In the bi-monthly board meeting, JSSCC board will discuss plans and determine programs and projects for next year. We also need to secure funding and donation for next year.	11/12 Board Meeting



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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	High School Homestay Exchange	Contact: Grace Liu <a href="mailto:Grace.Liu@jsscc.org">Grace.Liu@jsscc.org</a>	As a U.S. State Department-designated sponsoring organization, our national network <a href="#">Sister Cities International</a> 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.	Jinan students to arrive in Sacramento in mid-Jul and start in School Year 2024-2025 or arrive in December and start in 2025 Spring semester.
Special Project	Jinan artists to perform at local cultural events	In partnership with local organizations and corporations.	Jinan professional musicians, dancers and singers will travel here to bring authentic Chinese cultural dance and music with traditional Chinese instruments to local events. Opportunities to seek: Kings’ Lunar New Year Game and reach an audience of over 10,000 from the Sacramento and surrounding area, Chinese New Year celebration, Harvest Moon Festival, etc.	In discussion for 2025 plan
Special Project (Tentatively)	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program	In partnership with local organizations and corporations.	Such as the Sacramento Youth Symphony and other community partners to have special programs or events in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Sacramento-Jinan sister cities relationship.	Special trip or event in 2024-2025 for the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.