

2026 JOI Summit Schedule (Draft)

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Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

**All times are in Central Daylight Time.*

**Refer to the program book onsite for specific times for all activities.*



Day 1 – Thursday, July 16

Dress Code: Casual/District Theme Day

- 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Dorm Check-in
- 6:00 p.m.** Pizza Dinner/Icebreaker/Mixer – JOI and Oratorical Contestants
- 7:00 p.m.** JOI Summit Kickoff!
Welcome/JOI Board Introductions
Announcement of International JOI Candidates
- 7:30 p.m.** Meet and Greet the International Candidates/Networking
Advisor/Chaperone Meeting

Day 2 – Friday, July 17

Morning (AM): Business Casual; Afternoon (PM): Casual

- 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m.** 2026 Oratorical World Championships
- 10:00 a.m.** "Speed Networking: Connect with fellow JOI members and Oratorical Contestants"
- 11:00 a.m.** Announcement of World Champions

Lunch

- 1:00-2:30 p.m.** Interactive Team Game Show Experience
Team competition featuring trivia, and game show-style challenges.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.** JOI Member Forum
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.** JOI Advisor/Chaperone Forum
- 4:15 p.m.** Breakout Sessions
- Dinner*
- Evening** Networking/Talent Show Prep/Games

Day 3 – Saturday, July 18

Morning (AM): JOI Summit t-shirt Afternoon (PM): Casual

- 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast
- 9:30-10:45 a.m.** 2026-2027 International Candidate Speeches/Forum
- 11:00 a.m.** Group Session

11:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

Candidate Online Election Voting optimist.org/summit (one vote per club – club delegate casts the vote)

Lunch

- Afternoon** Breakout Sessions
St. Louis Science Center (off-site) <https://www.slsc.org/>
- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Talent Show Prep/Practice
- 6:00-6:45 p.m.** Dinner
- 7:15 p.m.** “JOI’s Got Talent” Talent Show

Day 4 – Sunday, July 19

Casual during the day - Best Dress Attire for the JOI Ball

- 9:00-10:00 a.m.** “JOI Shark Tank” Club Project Showcase
- 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Guest Speaker: Coach Nia
- 11:15 a.m.** Breakout Sessions

Lunch

- 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Service Project (on-site)
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Free Time/Networking
- 6:15 p.m.** JOI Ball: Starry Night Theme
*Dinner/Banquet/Dance

Monday, July 20

Departure Day – 10:00 a.m. check-out

Grab n’ Go breakfast

JOI Summit Registration Details

The All-Inclusive Registration fee of **\$450 USD** per person includes:

- ✓ Four nights of accommodation in the dorms at Saint Louis University (July 16-19)
- ✓ Event space access, campus-wide WiFi
- ✓ Summit t-shirt, program materials, keynote speakers, breakout sessions
- ✓ Transportation for off-site activities during the summit
- ✓ 11 meals (starting with dinner on Thursday, July 16), snacks
- ✓ Linen package (base sheet, cover sheet, washcloth, and towel)

What to Bring:

☞ Pillow (not provided) Extra blanket (optional) Hat/tennis shoes for garden project Personal toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush) Reusable water bottle

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