

2025 JOI Summit

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Finding Purpose Through Optimism

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**All times are in Central Daylight Time.*

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



Day 1 – Thursday, July 17

Arrival Day

Dress Code: Casual/District Theme Day

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dorm Check-in

6:00 p.m.

Dinner/Icebreaker/Mixer – JOI and Oratorical Contestants

7:00 p.m.

JOI Summit Kickoff!

*Welcome/JOI Board Introductions/Announcements

*Advisor/Chaperone meeting

Day 2 – Friday, July 18

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Morning (AM): Business Casual

Afternoon (PM): "Future Me Day" – Dress as your future self!

9:30 a.m. 2024 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

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions (choose one)

*First Timer/Welcome to JOI

*Young Adult Optimist Club (YAOC)

*District Officer Training

*Advisor/Chaperone – Being a Change Advocate

1:10 p.m.

Welcome – OI President Jan Oord Graves

1:15 p.m.

JOI International Candidate Speeches/Forum

Speeches posted on JOI YouTube page: [@junioroptimistinternational](https://www.youtube.com/junioroptimistinternational)

2:30 p.m.

Meet and Greet the International Candidates/Networking

3:30 p.m.

Group Team-Building Adventure

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Servant Leadership presented by Dave Daughton

8:00 p.m.

Movie Night

Day 3 – Saturday, July 19

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

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

12:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seed St. Louis: Local Community Garden Service Project 🌻

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.

Break/Networking

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Advisor/Chaperone Breakout Session

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CharacterPlus Professional Session – *Elementary JOI attendees*

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Town Hall – *Junior High/High School attendees*

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

CharacterPlus Professional Session– *Junior High/High School JOI attendees*

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Town Hall – *Elementary JOI attendees*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

On-site Voting / Social Gathering Time

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Talent Show Prep

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Dinner

7:15 p.m.

“JOI’s Got Talent” Talent Show

Day 4 – Sunday, July 20

(Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

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

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

JOI Shark Tank: Pitch for a Purpose

Pitch creative service project ideas focusing on purpose, passion and positive impact

❖ Group Project

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Free Time/Networking

6:15 p.m.

JOI Ball – *Theme: A Night at the Oscars* ✨

Dress to impress in your best dress or red carpet attire!

❖ Dinner/Banquet/Dance

Monday, July 21

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 17-20)
- ✓ 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 17), 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

For any questions, contact us at junioroptimist@optimist.org.