

# 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.*
- 3:00-5:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

*Dinner*

- Evening** Networking/Talent Show Prep/Games

## **Day 3 – Saturday, July 18**

*Afternoon (PM): Wear JOI Summit t-shirt*

- 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. 2026-2027 International Candidate Speeches/Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Group Session

**11:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.**

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

*Lunch*

- Afternoon** 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.-12:15 p.m. JOI Member Forum
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Advisor/Chaperone Forum

*Lunch*

- 1:00-4:00 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*

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## 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 (off-site activities)
- \*Personal toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap)    \*Reusable water bottle
- \*Outfit for the JOI Ball on Sunday evening (Theme: Starry Night / Best Dress attire)

For any questions, contact us at [junioroptimist@optimist.org](mailto:junioroptimist@optimist.org).