

JUST Community Q&A

Why should I go to JUST Community? Are you...committed to creating an inclusive community in your school or youth organization... recognized for emerging leadership potential...open to exploring complex issues...ready to change your world! If you answered YES to any one of these questions, JUST Community is the place for you!

What are the qualifications to go? If you are a student between the ages of 15-17, are ready to confront tough issues and bridge the differences that divide us as people, you are qualified for the program!!!

What are the benefits of JUST Community? Like many other leadership programs, JUST Community provides students with the opportunity to explore themselves and improve upon their skills as leaders. JUST Community also teaches students to appreciate the differences that divide us as people. As students prepare for college and job opportunities, communication with people who may be different from those in their homes, schools and communities is increasingly important. JUST Community not only provides students the opportunity to learn about the differences that divide us as people, but to appreciate those differences and to communicate with people across races, genders, sexual orientations, religions and abilities. Plus, it's a fun and productive way to spend a week of the summer...AND it looks good on a resume.

What happens there? Group discussions, workshops, ropes courses, cross-cultural team-building and personal challenge initiatives, rec time activities (swimming, basketball, soccer, etc.), making new friends and much more!

Who else will be there? Along with Delegates (students from high schools all across the Greater Cincinnati area), there will also be Adult Advisors to provide experienced insights and well-rounded views, and Young Adult Counselors who live with the delegates, giving constant guidance and understanding. All staff members have completed background checks and participated in training sessions.

When is JUST Community? Just Community takes place on Sunday July 6th through Saturday July 12th

Where will JUST Community take place? JUST Community takes place at JOY Outdoor Education Center accredited by the American Camp Association and the Association of Experiential Education located in Clarksville OH (Near Morrow)

When is the registration deadline? Registration deadline is June 1, 2008

What obligations are there? After the initial summer camp, there will be BRIDGES sponsored activities (Ex. Walk for a Just Community), reunions, and monthly training sessions for JUST Community participants

How much does JUST Community cost? The cost of JUST Community is \$550 per delegate, which includes all meals, transportation, lodging, insurance, educational materials, t-shirt and photo. Of the \$550 fee, \$50 is a non-refundable registration fee and is due by June 1, 2006 to reserve your spot. Most schools and sponsoring organizations assist with registration fees and some or all tuition. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Do you get academic credit for participating in JUST Community? The JUST Community Program is not run through schools and therefore, students do not get academic credit for participating. Schools can however elect to send students to JUST Community in order to increase leadership in their school.

If I have questions who should I contact? For more information or to ask questions, contact Maria at 513-381-4660 or by e-mail maria.kitsinis@bridgescincinnati.org



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