

**Sister Cities International Youth Conference 2010**  
*Community Diplomacy and Your World*

**July 27 – August 1, 2010**

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Young citizen diplomats from around the world gathered in Albuquerque to learn what it means to be a global citizen in an ever changing world.**

**Activities**

In Albuquerque youth delegates:

- Met young people from around the world.
- Participated in challenging group activities, teambuilding exercises, and a multi-country simulation.
- Engaged in thought provoking discussions about multiculturalism with other delegates as well as renowned practitioners in the field.
- Gained tangible leadership skills.
- Learned how to make the Sister Cities International mission of Peace through People a reality.

**Youth Conference 2010 Photo Album**

**2010 Young Authors and Artists Showcase Winners** <hyperlink to [http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/2010\\_winners.cfm](http://www.sister-cities.org/programs/2010_winners.cfm)>

**2010 Schedule**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

9:00 a.m.-- 3:00 p.m.

Airport pick-ups

Optional transportation fee

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

University of New Mexico (UNM) Dorms

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner

UNM

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Welcome and Orientation

SUB Theater-UNM

8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Small Group Welcome Workshop: Getting to Know You

UNM Classrooms

9:30 – 11:00 p.m.  
Welcome Social  
UNM Cafeteria

**Wednesday, July 28, 2010**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
UNM Cafeteria

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Small Group Workshop: Cultural Identity  
UNM Classrooms

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Lunch  
UNM Cafeteria

12:45 – 2:15pm  
Small Group Workshop: Global Citizenship  
UNM Classrooms

2:30 – 9:30pm  
Santa Fe trip and Dinner

**Thursday, July 29, 2010**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
UNM Cafeteria

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Small Group Workshop: Multiculturalism, Why and How?  
UNM Classrooms

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Lunch  
UNM Cafeteria

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Small Group Workshop: Migration Role Play  
UNM Classrooms

3:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Explore Albuquerque

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Welcome Reception  
Hyatt Regency

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.  
Evening Entertainment

**Friday, July 30, 2010**

(Make sure to wear your conference t-shirt today)

8:00 a.m.  
Board Buses for Hyatt

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
Breakfast and Keynote Speaker at Adult Conference  
Hyatt Regency

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion: Multiculturalism in Albuquerque  
Hyatt Regency

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
Lunch  
Gardunos

2:45 – 6:00 p.m.  
Afternoon in Old Town Albuquerque

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
ABQ Reception  
Botanical Gardens

8:00 – 8:45 p.m.  
Prepare for Cultural Showcase  
UNM Dorms

9:00 – 10:30 p.m.  
Cultural Showcase  
UNM Ballroom

**Saturday, July 31, 2010**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Small Group Workshop: Building a Community  
UNM Classrooms

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Awards Luncheon with Adult Conference and YAAS Presentation  
Hyatt Regency

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Wrap up

## UNM Classrooms

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Pack and Prepare for Farewell Party

UNM Dorms

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Remembering the Week Slideshow

UNM Ballroom

7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Farewell Dinner and Dance

UNM Ballroom

## **Sunday, August 1, 2010**

5:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

UNM Cafeteria

6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Shuttles to Airport

Optional transportation fee

6:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Check-out

## **Youth Delegate Testimonies:**

“As I stepped onto the plane headed for Albuquerque, New Mexico, I could not help but think the Sister Cities International Youth Conference would be full of tedious meetings and listening to people speak about the same issues over and over again. Once I reached the campus of the University of New Mexico, my attitude took a drastic turn. Each and every one of the conference delegates was eager to meet new people and, as many of us were being thrust into a situation of knowing virtually nobody, I was pleasantly surprised to see such strong friendships developing from the start. The friends I made at the conference will no doubt be lifelong comrades, as they share my same passion of seeing and understanding the world.”

“The workshops we attended focused on cultural identity and multiculturalism. They were well structured, thanks to the incredible facilitators, and gave the youth delegates the opportunity to discuss worldly issues on an advanced level. I personally enjoyed hearing other teenagers’ perspectives on subjects that are usually topics of adult conversation. The connections I made with the other participants of my workshop were strong enough that they allowed me to share my honest opinions with them. We debated, we discussed, we laughed, and we shared cultures. The experience provided me with knowledge of the lives and struggles of others, as well as the motivation to change the world.”

“I had such an amazing time! It was a great experience with tons of great people. I didn’t know what to expect coming to this conference but I’m really glad I got the chance to attend it. I think this was a once in a life time chance. The conferences were fun. We got to meet a lot of really

interesting adults as well as kids. I would absolutely go on the trip again. I had so much fun and I left with friendships that will last a lifetime.”

“I was honored to have been chosen to attend. The most obvious thing that comes to my mind are the relationships and friendships I built with people from entirely different backgrounds and lifestyles. I think the most eye opening thing for me was talking to them about every aspect of their lives- their school, home, friends, and city. I'm already planning a trip to go visit the people from Laredo, TX, and I can tell by my enthusiasm and theirs' that our friendships are going to last a long time.”

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