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jacksonville chapter

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spring/summer 2014

CISV Connect

2013 in review

International Camps

This past summer CISV Jacksonville sent more than 30 representatives to 10 locations around the world, including:

- Villages in New York and Italy
- Portugal for Interchange (and hosted Portuguese children for two weeks)
- Costa Rica for Youth Meeting
- Step-Up Camps in Washington, DC and Tennessee
- Junior Counselors to Philadelphia and Norway
- International Junior Branch Conference and IPP in Salvador, Brazil
- Seminar Camps to El Salvador and Brazil

Hosted Camps

In Summer 2013, Jacksonville hosted two camps: FACES (which brought together more than 30 11-year-olds delegates from different cultural groups in our area) and an international Step-Up camp (14–15 year-olds from Brazil, Colombia, Italy, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Indonesia, France and the US).

FACES, Jacksonville's own two-week village camp celebrated its 10th anniversary. *This makes FACES the longest-running residential village in the nation.* FACES was founded by former City Council President Lad Daniels on the CISV principal of global friendship while developing future community leaders at home.

More than 30 volunteers transformed Fletcher Middle School into a campsite, with more than 20 rooms prepared for all the fun and necessary activities.

Special thanks to our CISV volunteers, including host families who make hosted camps such a great success.

CISV in the Community

We love to discuss our mission and programs with the Jacksonville community.

- Summer Camp and Family Expo at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Expo Center
- World of Nations in Metropolitan Park
- Angels for Allison Festival of Flight at Memorial Park
- Riverside Arts Market

Local Media

We are grateful to local media who help us get the word out! A few highlights are included.

Jax4kids.com regularly features CISV activities.

Lad Daniels spoke to 89.9 WJCT's Melissa Ross about FACES and its positive impact on the youth of Jacksonville.

Other recent print stories have included *St. John's Magazine*, *San Marco Resident* and a front page story on FACES in the *Times-Union*.

www.cisvjax.org/media

Can you help CISV speak to a group or appear in local media? Email us at cisvjax@gmail.com.



How to Support the Chapter

Membership

Join CISV Jacksonville (\$50 per year). Membership entitles family members to:

- participate in local activities/events including mini-camps
- participate on the Adult Board and Junior Branch board
- participate in the Junior Branch activities
- apply for a leadership position
- apply for international programs
- receive information by electronic mail broadcasts

Even if your child is not in a program for this year, a membership helps support CISV Jacksonville and keeps you on the email broadcast list for event reminders and news.

www.cisvjax.org/membership

Sponsorship

Do you have a company who could benefit from being in front of CISV's members? CISV Jacksonville offers you the chance to promote your business among our membership while helping us spread our message of peace through understanding.

2014 Sponsorship Levels

- Founders Club: \$2,000+
- Peace Builder: \$1000-1999
- Platinum: \$500-999 (includes Delegation Sponsors)
- Patron: \$250-499
- Benefactor: \$50-299

www.cisvjax.org/chapter-sponsorship

Volunteer

Whether you are 16 or 60...Or whether you can give an hour here and there or on a regular basis...

CISV Jacksonville is a volunteer-led organization committed to working for a more just and peaceful world. We build friendship and keep our commitments to local and global community service.

Since all volunteers take part in essential training and preparation, you can gain many skills in running CISV activities, including:

- Facilitation
- Leadership
- Organization
- Communication
- Interpersonal skills
- Teamwork
- Problem-solving

www.cisvjax.org/volunteer

Keep an eye on the website for additional ways to support the chapter.

cisv connect spring/summer 2014

junior branch

We've had a full year of Junior Branch (JB) fun and learning. Visit cisvjax.org/JB to keep up-to-date on the current schedule.

MOSH exhibit: Race, Are We So Different? We saw many awesome exhibits that truly challenged what we knew about race, and made us realize that all humans are truly more alike than we appreciate!

JB Coffee Haus: The Human Experience. We played awesome games and watched a documentary that follows filmmakers as they live with people in various walks of life, and reflected on the privileges that many of us take for granted in our lives.

Social Media: We also held a **Coffee Haus** to discuss use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and how life was different before these sites. We discussed the impact they have had on our society today.

National Mini-Camp: Detroit. Talent shows, spontaneous dance parties, and an amazing road trips with the coolest CISVers around. We met CISVers from all over the US in Detroit.

Global Youth Service Day: To celebrate this worldwide campaign to mobilize youth in service, we cleaned up **Memorial Park** while engaging in fun activities to learn about sustainable development around the world.

End of Year Beach Party: Always fun at the beach, throwing colorful dust at each other, constructing awesome sand castles and much more!

Peace One Day: Lake Forest Elementary School Garden. We partnered with the school and volunteers to add color to the garden and got it ready for fall planting.

Mini-Camp: Last but certainly not least, we held two successful local mini-camps, with more than 50 CISVers at each — one over President's Day weekend and one over Labor Day week-end. Make sure to mark your calendars and keep an eye on the website for future mini-camps.

Junior Branch Leadership

President **Sammy Spencer**

President-elect **Caroline McMullen**

Secretary **Devin Johnson Hogan**

Treasurer **Kathryn McMullen**

Historian **Bradley Phillips**

Members-at-large **Dylan Emerick, Jason Raiti, Nikita Raheja, GT Bosch**

Planning Committee heads **Erin Wiggins, Lauren Schaffer**



CISV is a place where no one will judge you about being yourself.

Anya, age 12

2014 delegations



Youth Meeting, Switzerland: **Ani** (holding photo of Jordana), **Alex**, **Sam** (leader), **Any**, **Hannah**, **Rett**



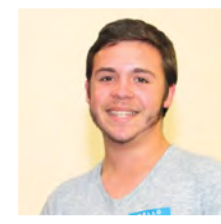
Step-Up Brandywine, PA: **Taylor**, **Emily**, **Jessica** (leader), **Victor**, **Troy**



Village Dallas: **Hunter**, **Matthew**, **Lauren** (leader), **Harper**, **Sally**



Village Denmark: **Robert**, **Julia**, **Natalie** (leader), **Delaney**, **Walker**



Junior Counselor to Norway (though holding a Swedish flag): **Kathryn**



Step-Up Sweden: **George**, **Caroline**, **John** (leader), **Alexandra**, **Whit**

Youth Meeting Mexico City: **Nikita**
Step-Up Ohio: **Dylan**
Colorado Seminar Camp: **Alec** (not pictured)



Interchange Italy: **Sidney**, **Apryl**, **Albert**, **Luke**, **Brooke** (leader), **Xander**, **Gabby**, **Kristin**



Step-Up Costa Rica: **Emily**, **Isabella**, **Aramis**; not pictured: **Myles**, **Stephanie** (leader)



Junior Counselor to Detroit: **GT**



The "New" Faces of Jacksonville

Last summer marked the ten-year anniversary of FACES of Jacksonville, our highly successful mini-village experience for local children. This community outreach program allows ethnically diverse families to experience CISV in a residential setting, at little to no cost, while offering leadership opportunities for our very own CISV teens.

This summer, FACES will be revamped as a two-week day camp hosted by Happy Acres Ranch in Arlington (June 9- 20). The camp, run by Mary Anne Adams (member of a long-time CISV family), has graciously offered to host FACES in their facility. The FACES curriculum is currently in development and will be facilitated by four CISV counselors.

We can't wait to hear the feedback on this new mosaic project!

movers & shakers

We have quite a few people representing CISV Jacksonville in leadership positions. **Leah Donelan** is chair of the CISV International Governing Board, and serves a three year position as elected trustee on the board.

Viky Divertie serves in a Chapter Development role. Both have served as board members, Chapter Presidents, Program Leaders and many other positions.

Junior Branch Members in National Roles

Rachel Buff National Junior Representative (NJR)

Marie Claire Levy National Mini Camp Committee Chair (NMCC chair)

Halley McClure National Youth Committee (NYC)

Lizzie Utset National Youth Committee (NYC)

Sammy Spencer National Junior Board of Trustees (NJBoT Regional Rep)

CISV Jacksonville Life Members

Debbie Blackshear, David & Vickie Breedlove, Val & Kirby Chritton, Harriet and Walt Courtney, Viky Divertie, Leah Donelan, Ann Fontaine, Gail Goode, Dorothy & Howard Groshell, Eleanor Fails Hayden, Whit & Karen Hyde, Allen & Rosemary McCorkle, Eugenia & John Taylor, Sadie Blanton, Susan Gordon, Patty Pritchard, Marion Scarborough.

Congratulations to all, we are so proud of all you do for CISV locally and globally. Our chapter is so lucky to have volunteers so committed to our mission.

It takes courage to stand up and takes even more to sit down and listen.

Sammy, age 16

stay in the know



Bookmark our online calendar to keep up-to-date on Chapter and Junior Branch events:

cisvjax.org/events

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cisvjax.org

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CISV Values
Friendship • Inclusiveness • Enthusiasm • Engagement • Cooperation

CISV is a global organization dedicated to educating and inspiring for peace through building inter-cultural friendship, cooperation and understanding. CISV has given countless young people the experience of their lives and the opportunity to build lasting friendships over the past 60 years, by helping participants develop skills to become informed, responsible and active global citizens, making a difference in their communities and the world. CISV believes peace is possible through friendship and mutual understanding, and offers seven international programs for adults and youth (starting at age 11).

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