



# JB Jacksonville

## Year-in-Review

2014-2015

### HELLO CISV JACKSONVILLE!

Thank you for a great year with the JB. In JB we bring CISV into our local communities. It is a way to stay involved with CISV all year long. JB is also an opportunity to develop individuals and foster leadership. Through JB we can stay active in CISV while still giving back to the local community. And best of all, JB gives us a chance to keep building friendships both with people in our local community and around the world.

There are a few people we would like to thank. Without them, we would not have had such a great year. First, thank you to all the JBers who participated in activities and helped make them amazing. Next, we would like to send a big thank you to the JB advisors and the adult board. We greatly rely on you to help us out. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the parents. YOU are the ones that make JB possible. Thank you for your time and effort this year.

JB has had a ton of fun with all of our activities and events during the 2014-2015 year. In this newsletter, we would like to recap and share with everyone. Also, we wish everyone the best summer ever, whether you are traveling or not. And we hope to see you again in the fall!!!

-JB Jacksonville



## WORDS FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

I've been involved in CISV since 2009 and it has changed my life in more ways than I ever thought possible. I've had opportunities to grow as both a leader and a global citizen. Through CISV, my worldview has broadened, I've made lifelong friends, and I have seen how friendship can impact the world in such a powerful way. It's been a great year for the JB and I'm so proud of everything we have accomplished!

-Caroline McMullen



Caroline McMullen has been involved in CISV since 2009. She has participated in Village, Interchange, Youth Meeting, and Step Up in the past. Caroline was also a JC at FACES at Happy Acres last year. This summer she will be attending a Seminar Camp in El Salvador. Caroline has been a member of the JB Board for 4 years. During that time she has served as a member-at-large, president-elect, and president. Through her tireless work, the JB Board has grown stronger and more effective. Her presence at both the regional and national level has helped connect the Jacksonville JB with the other chapters in the United States. As Caroline moves on to Florida State University this year, we wish her all the best and thank her for hard work, dedication, and leadership. We love you Caroline!!!

-JB Board

**THANK YOU CAROLINE!!!**



# JB Highlights 2014-2015

## South Regional Minicamp

JB kicked off the year with South Regional Minicamp over Labor Day weekend. SRMC brings together JBERS from the South together for a weekend of fun planned by all the chapter presidents. This year 8 participants went to Atlanta for the Olympic-themed camp.



## National JB Meeting

The National Junior Branch Meeting every October is an opportunity for JBERS from all over the country to meet and share ideas. During the meeting, JBERS learn how to build and maintain a strong Junior Branch. They also get to help vote on new officers for national positions. This year four members of the JB board from Jacksonville traveled to Cincinnati for NJBM. They had fun meeting people from all over the country, and even got to catch up with some old Jacksonville JBERS!



## Corn Maze

In October, JB Jacksonville headed to Conner's A-Maize-Ing Acres to celebrate fall. They had a lot of fun hanging out in the corn maze and seeing all the animals. At the corn maze, JBERS got to play several team-building activities and meet some new friends.

## Boat Parade

On December 5<sup>th</sup> JB headed out to the Intercoastal to watch the Jacksonville Boat Parade go by. They got to decorate the dock and play some CISV games as they watched the boats go by. At the boat parade, JB got to spend a fun night before the holidays hanging out with some old friends and making some new ones.

## Cookie-a-thon

For the January Activity, JB decided to try out one of the most popular JB activities: a cookie-a-thon. JBERS enjoyed a fun night of games and movies, while working in shifts to bake cookies. By the next morning, they had made over 10 bags to donate to the Sulzbacher Center.



## Snowflake Minicamp

The annual February Minicamp is one of the most popular JB events of the year. During Minicamp, participants get to spend a weekend with the JB, participating in activities that relate to the theme for the weekend. This year the fun theme was snowflakes and all the activities had to do with uniqueness. Minicamp was a great way for newer CISVers to learn about what it means to participate in an activity. Minicamp also provides a way for JBers to bond and meet lots of new people from all over Jacksonville



## Chapter Development

Two JB board members teamed up with four adults in March to travel to Atlanta for Chapter Development. During the weekend, they learned tips and strategies for running a successful JB. The weekend covered topics like communication, effective activity planning, JB-adult relations, and more. It was also a great way to meet members from other JBs and learn about other chapters.



## Global Youth Service Day

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, JB Jacksonville participated in Global Youth Service Day. GYSD is a worldwide effort and a CISV tradition, where youths from all around the world try to give back to their local communities. This year, the JB held a beach cleanup and scavenger hunt at Atlantic Beach. They had a lot of fun competing to see who could bring back the most trash, and spending some time with friends at the beach!



## National Minicamp

Over Memorial Day weekend, 7 JBers traveled all the way to Knoxville, Tennessee for National Minicamp. National Minicamp is an annual CISV event that brings together JBers from the entire country for a weekend of fun and educational activities. This year the camp's theme was "Guess Who: Investigating Your Identity." At National Minicamp, Jacksonville JBers got the chance to meet lots of old and new friends. They also got to learn a lot from all the fun activities.



**Thank You For a Fun Year Everyone!!!**

## Meet the New JB Board

### PRESIDENTS-Nikita Raheja and GT Bosch



Hi everyone, I'm Nikita! I am currently a rising senior at Bolles I have been involved with CISV for four years, and I have absolutely fallen in love with the organization and the people, especially the Junior Branch. This year I am very excited to be attending a Seminar Camp in Vancouver Canada. Outside of CISV, I run my school's Human Rights club and participate in a lot of activities like Model UN and Latin conventions. And of course, I love to travel and meet new people. I can't wait to have an amazing year with JB Jacksonville!



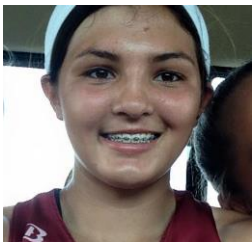
Hey guys! My name is Garrett Bosch, but a lot of people call me GT (you can ask my why in person). I go to Bolles with Nikita where I am a coxswain on the rowing team, so between practice and homework I don't have a lot of free time. However during the summer, I love to travel with my family, surf and hangout whenever I can with my friends, as well as (of course) run and participate in CISV activities throughout the year. I am really excited to be your JB Co-President this year and look forward to seeing you soon!

### PRESIDENT ELECT-Taylor Bosquet



Hey y'all! My name is Taylor Bosquet. I have been involved in CISV since I did FACES of Jacksonville when I was 11. Last summer I also went to Step-Up in Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania. Some of my favorite things to do are figure skating, making friendship bracelets and talking to all my CISV friends in different time zones at weird hours of the day. I am so excited for this new year, and I have some exciting new ideas that I can't wait to share with all of you!

### SECRETARY-Olivia Kato



I am a new member of the JB Board and am holding the position of Secretary. I have been to village, a youth meeting, have done an interchange, and will be participating in a Step Up this year. I am a rower for my school team and also play soccer for them as well. I am very excited to be part of the JB Board this year!

### TREASURER-Dylan Emerick



My name is Dylan Emerick. I'm a junior at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. I attend DA for performance theatre. I'm also currently in the Youth Leadership Jacksonville class of 2016. I've been involved in CISV for 6 years and have done 3 programs. This is my 3rd year on the board, 2nd as treasurer. I love CISV with a burning passion!

## HISTORIAN-Gabby McGrath



My name is Gabby McGrath. I am 14, going to be 15 on July 16, 2015. I attend Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for piano. This is my first year on the board and I am super excited to help make CISV the best it can be!!!

## MEMBERS AT LARGE-Cassidy Spencer, George Lewis, Alex Blaudow



Hi! I'm Cassidy Spencer, and I am a rising senior at Stanton College Prep. I have been involved in CISV since I did a Dallas Village in 2009, and I am going to Hannover, Germany for a youth meeting this coming winter. Outside of CISV, I am highly involved in my school's drama club and enjoy art and dance.



I'm George Lewis, a fourth generation Jacksonvillian and I love to be around people and a part of the CISV JB Board. I am my high-school sophomore class president and a dedicated runner. I also enjoy art, music, and learning about different corners of the world.



Hi, my name is Alex Blaudow. I am 14 years old and will be going to Fletcher High School next year. In CISV, I have been to Austria for Village, Portugal for Interchange and Switzerland for Youth Meeting and I'm heading to Germany for Step-Up. I enjoy running around and having fun and meeting new friends. I really enjoy CISV and I hope you will to.

## JB ADVISORS-Viky Divertie, Anna Jacobson, Joe Hofrichter



My name is Viky. I have been a JB Board advisor for several years now. During the summers I like to staff camps and this year I am staffing Seminar Camp in Belgium.



Hi! I have been a high school teacher for almost twenty years. I'm thrilled to work with the JB Board and even more thrilled to have my own kids become part of CISV.



Hello, my name is Joe. This is my first year as an advisor. I have been involved in CISV for a long time, both as a delegate and a leader. I was also the JB president in high school.



## What to Look Forward to For Next Year

The new JB Board is very excited for this upcoming year. All of us are very passionate and dedicated about what we do. We love JB and we want you to love it as well! It really is an amazing way to develop lasting friendships and help benefit our community. As part of our goals for next year, we want to help everyone become even more involved and excited about JB. We really rely on your participation to help the JB run smoothly. And you guys are the reason we put in a lot of hard work and time into the JB. With that being said, we look forward to seeing you next year!

Want more JB involvement? Look out for these dates!

**SRMC:** On Labor Day weekend (September 4-7), JB Jacksonville will be headed to Atlanta for our South Regional Minicamp, planned by all the presidents in the Southern region! It is a great way to bond with other JBers from Jacksonville and make some awesome new friends. Stay on the lookout for registration and more details.

**Local JB Training:** On September 13<sup>th</sup>, the JB Board will be hosting a local JB training. This is a great event for anyone interested in learning more about the JB and what the board does. Any JBer from the chapter is welcome to come and participate. We will release more information about times and location as we get closer.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**



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**Bonus CISV Trivia!**

Did you know that Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was a CISVer?