

2022 United Nations Summer Camp
Sustainable Development Goals in Action
Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30, 2022

Program Agenda
(Updated June 21, 2022)

The **United Nations Summer Camp: *Sustainable Development Goals in Action***, is a four day summer camp for middle school students interested in learning about global affairs through the work of the United Nations. The program will give students an opportunity to participate in interactive expert briefings, games, and activities, while honing key skills and collaborating with their peers along the way. Participants will step into the shoes of diplomats as they work together to study the Sustainable Development Goals, learn public speaking tips and strategies, and make new friends while having fun! The Council's United Nations Summer Camp ends with a field trip to New York City including a tour of the United Nations and a briefing with a UN representative. This program welcomes all students in grades 6-8, regardless of their familiarity with the United Nations or Model United Nations.

Day 1: Monday

Introductions to Staff, Students, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Students are requested to arrive at the Council's office by 8:45 a.m. on the Monday - Wednesday program days so the program can begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. each day. Thank you!*

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Morning Meeting - Welcome Breakfast, Introduction, and Preview of the Week's Activities World Affairs Council of Philadelphia staff and interns greet students with a welcome breakfast and introduce the weeklong program. Students are then assigned an icebreaker activity.
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Icebreaker Activity Students partake in a short icebreaker activity as an introduction to this year's cohort.
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Activity - Introduction to the United Nations and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Interactive presentation led by Council staff that introduces in detail to students the founding, mission, and work of the United Nations, with specific focus on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Students will also begin to explore the concept of "think globally, act locally," which will be a consistent frame in their work on the program topic throughout the rest of the week.
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Break

- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.** **SDG Action Plan Project Prep**
Students will work in small groups to begin their work in crafting their SDG Action Plans by choosing one “People Focus” goal and one “Planet Focus” goal each to base their projects on for the remainder of the program. Students will ultimately present their finalized plans to the whole group on one of the last program days.
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Daily Wrap**
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics. Review agenda for tomorrow and what students should have prepared.

Day 2: Tuesday

Planet Focus - How the SDGs Impact the Planet

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** **Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today’s Activities**
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Expert Speaker Briefing - SDGs in Local Action: Planet Impact**
Matthew Konfrist, Sustainability Coordinator and Data Analyst at EPA Region 3
Expert speaker presentation focused on positive, impactful work in the Philadelphia area related to the SDGs, with an emphasis on the program day’s “planet focus.” Students will hear first-hand from Matthew Konfrist about his work with the Environmental Protection Agency in the mid-Atlantic region.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Activity - SDG & Environmental Debate**
Students participate in a structured debate related to the program day’s “planet focus” topic, specifically on a topic related to environmental protection and global solutions to environmental and climate change-related issues. Students must work in their assigned teams to convince a panel of judges that their team has the most convincing argument.
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **SDG Action Plan Prep**
Students continue group work on their SDG Action Plans.
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.** **Daily Wrap-up**
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics. Review agenda for tomorrow and what students should have prepared.

Day 3: Wednesday

People Focus - How the SDGs Impact Humans

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** **Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today’s Activities**
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Expert Speaker Briefing - SDGs in Local Action: Human Impact**
Alex Epstein, Co-Founder, Urban Creators
Expert speaker presentation focused on positive, impactful work in the Philadelphia area related to the SDGs, with an emphasis on the program day’s “people focus.” Alex Epstein, Co-Founder of the North Philadelphia-based organization Urban Creators, will speak to students about real-life solutions to SDG-related issues in the region, and what they can do to help with some of these issues in their own communities.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Activity - Murals Visit and SDGs in Philadelphia Council staff will lead students on an interactive walking tour to murals in Center City Philadelphia that feature themes related to the SDGs. Students will utilize journal-style worksheets to reflect on the murals throughout the walking tour.
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Activity - Visualizing the SDGs Council Staff lead students in an activity centered around depictions of the SDGs, either in visual or storytelling form. Students practice public speaking skills by sharing their work with the rest of the group.
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	SDG Action Plan Project Prep & Presentations Students finalize their SDG Action Plans and present their plans to the other groups.
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Daily Wrap-up Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics. Review agenda for tomorrow and what students should have prepared.

Day 4: Thursday

Trip to the United Nations Headquarters (New York City)

7:00 a.m.	Student Arrival at Pick-Up Point Meeting point outside of World Affairs Council office building - One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103
7:15 a.m.	Students Board Bus
7:30 a.m.	Bus Departs from Philadelphia
7:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	In-Transit via Charter Bus to New York City Philadelphia, PA to New York City, NY
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Ticket Retrieval & Security Check-in at UN Headquarters 405 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Group Tour of UN Headquarters
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	UN Gift Shop
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	In-Transit (Walking) UN Headquarters to Patsy Pizza
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	NYC Pizza Lunch at Patsy Pizza 801 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10017
2:15 p.m. - *5:00 p.m.	In-Transit via Charter Bus to Philadelphia New York City, NY to Philadelphia, PA <i>*Exact arrival time depends on traffic</i>

***5:00 p.m.**

Arrive in Philadelphia, PA & Parent/Guardian Pick-Up

Meeting point outside of World Affairs Council office building - One Penn Center,
1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103

(Council staff will not leave until all students are picked up)