United Nations Summer Camp

The United Nations Summer Camp: Access to Clean Water for All, 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. This program welcomes all students in grades 6-8, regardless of their familiarity with the United Nations or Model United Nations.

Day 1: Monday, June 26
Introductions to Staff, Students, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Meeting - Welcome, Introduction, and Preview of the Week’s Activities  
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia staff and interns greet students and introduce the weeklong program. Assign students icebreaker activity.

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Icebreaker Activities

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
UN Lesson  
Council staff leads students through a lesson about the United Nations that includes trivia, an introductory video and a photo stations game

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Lunch Break

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
SDG 6: Measure Your Day in Water  
Students create 2 different timelines to understand water usage: one of their actual day and water usage, and one hypothetical in a place where they need to carry water.

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
SDG 6 Project Selection

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 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.

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Day 2: Tuesday, June 27
SDG 6 AROUND THE WORLD

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.  Morning Meeting – Debrief from Yesterday and Preview of Today’s Activities

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  Visualizing SDG 6
Students will either write or draw a description of a world where SDG 6 has been fully achieved.

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  SDG 6 Project Research

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Ukraine & Water Learning Session
Students learn about access to water issues in Ukraine and generate questions for Ambassador Sergiy Kyslytsya

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Expert Speaker Briefing: Ukrainian Ambassador Sergiy Kyslytsya

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 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 3: Wednesday, June 28
SDG 6 IN ACTION

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: John Catalano – ESG Manager, Essential Utilities Inc.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Presentation Prep
Students continue their presentation research and wrap up their projects

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Presentations
Student groups present their study of selected Water Topic

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Daily Wrap-up
Opportunity for questions and group reflection on the day’s topics. Review agenda for UN trip and what to bring/not bring

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Day 4: Thursday, June 29

**TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS (NEW YORK CITY)**

7:00 a.m.  
Students Arrive at World Affairs Council of Philadelphia  
One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia PA 19103  
(Meeting point outside of building; Can enter w/ WAC escort to use restrooms)

7:30 a.m.  
Bus Departs from Philadelphia, PA (Board at 7:15 a.m.)

7:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
In-Transit via Charter Bus  
Philadelphia, PA to New York City, NY

10:30 a.m.  
Arrive at United Nations Headquarters  
1ST Avenue between 45th and 46th Street, New York, NY 10017

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Ticket Retrieval (2 Adults – obtain and distribute wristbands) & Security Check-In at United Nations Headquarters

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Group Tours I and II of United Nations Headquarters

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
All groups – UN Gift Shop (lower level)

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.  
In-Transit (Walking)  
UN Headquarters to Patsy Pizza

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.  
NYC Pizza Lunch at Patsy Pizza  
801 2nd Avenue New York, NY 10017

2:15 – 5:00 p.m.*  
In-Transit via Charter Bus (*Exact arrival time depends on traffic)