

## **Altadena Middle School Mini-Town Goal, Objectives, and Outcomes**

Mini-Town is adapted from the Any-Town Program and follows the same goal, objectives and outcomes. Please read the following information about the program **before** filling out the application to be a delegate at Mini-Town.

Mini-Town works from the premise that we live in a multicultural society and that young people are the nation's future and need to be sensitized to the experiences of diverse groups. Then as decision makers, they can make fair judgments in improving the quality of life for the entire nation regardless of ability, ethnicity, faith/religion, and gender.

Through this camp experience, greater acceptance is promoted through better understanding of people's beliefs, traditions, and behaviors. Mini-Town is where individuals learn to deal more effectively with the multicultural society in which we live, by learning to create communities that are inclusive and that honor and respect every person.

### **Mini-Town Goal:**

The goal of Mini-Town is to foster an environment in which education, dialogue, and interaction among the delegates result in increased self-esteem, mutual respect, understanding, and acceptance of all cultures, ethnic groups, faith/religions, and genders.

### **Mini-Town Objectives:**

- To learn about prejudice and discrimination and their effects on others within our society.
- To nurture a sense of individual self-worth through recognition of ability, culture, ethnicity, faith/religion, and gender as integral parts of one's identity and its important role in the multicultural character of U.S. society.
- To encourage the acceptance and appreciation of people from different backgrounds in ways that enhances co-existence, cooperation, and interdependence in a community.
- To promote the development of leadership skills vital in the conduct of, and full participation in, a multicultural democracy.

### **Mini-Town Outcomes:**

From attending Mini-Town, delegates come away with an:

- Increased understanding of the negative effects of prejudice and discrimination.
- Improved sense of identity and self-worth.
- Increased awareness and understanding of the multicultural make-up of U.S. society including: ability, ethnicity, faith/religion, and gender.
- Increased sense of citizenship, community, inter-dependence, and personal responsibility.
- Increased relationship building skills.
- Increased leadership skills.
- Improved communication skills.
- Increased conflict resolution and violence prevention skills.
- Increased strategies for creating positive change.

Please complete and submit the application by Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8am.

If you are selected as a delegate, you will be placed in one of two camps. The dates for the Mini-Town camps are **October 18 - 20** and **November 8 - 10**. Delegates are assigned to a camp date at random. Due to the difficulty of scheduling such a large number of applicants, requests for a certain camp dates cannot be honored.

**Absolutely no changes will be made after the camp lists have been announced.**

**If you absolutely cannot attend one of the camps due to a prior MAJOR, NON-NEGOTIABLE commitment (i.e. family event, sports, etc.), please email Mr. Jolin, at [jjolin@kyrene.org](mailto:jjolin@kyrene.org), no later than September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Please submit documentation of the conflict (copy of schedule, wedding invite, etc).**