

THE OCCJ JOURNAL

Recruitment Underway for 2012 Camp Anytown, Oklahoma



The 19th annual Camp Anytown, Oklahoma will be June 17-23 at Dwight Mission Camp in Vian, Oklahoma. Incoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors from across the state will spend a week at this historical site, coming together and learning to focus on their common values, rather than their differences. Anytown has been called "life-changing" and has reached more than 800 youth since its inception in 1994.

In this unique and once-in-a-

lifetime opportunity, delegates have a chance to talk about their experiences with race, gender, religion, social and economic status, culture, and relationship orientation. Camp Anytown, Oklahoma offers a safe and supportive environment for students to discuss and explore their experiences. The program promotes self-esteem, cultural awareness, and leadership. The camp is the only one of its kind in Oklahoma, and has been called the pre-eminent human relations experience for teens.

After attending camp, delegates are eligible to apply for a higher education scholarship, awarded to one graduating male and female each year. For more information, or to apply to be a delegate, visit occjok.org.

Save the Date Annual Awards Dinner

Mark your calendars for OCCJ's 54th Annual Awards Dinner to be held November 13 at the Tulsa Convention Center. Sponsorship levels range from \$3,000 to \$100,000. Sponsor and ticket information is available by calling the OCCJ office at 918.583.1361.

Apply online for Camp Anytown at www.occjok.org

Applications due by May 15th
Applicants notified by May 25th

NLR TO TACKLE TOUGH ISSUES IN COMING MONTHS

New Leadership Roundtable is a unique opportunity for young professionals in the Tulsa area to gather. The group meets on the second Thursday of every month to network, socialize, and discuss topics concerning diversity and inclusion. NLR has been steadily growing in numbers and continues to bring together Tulsa's current and future leaders. The event in March is at Caz's Chowhouse in the Brady District. Starting at 5:30 on March 8th, it will feature NLR



executive committee member Kate Richey, Policy Analyst for the OK Policy Institute. The topic is "The Widening Racial Wealth Gap." On April 12th, NLR will take place at Baxter's Interurban Grill, with a focus on immigration. On May 10th, NLR will be at Edward Delk's Restaurant and Bar, focusing on Affirmative Action.

You can follow New Leadership Roundtable on Facebook and on Twitter @NLROCCJ.

OCCJ Membership Form

Thank you for endorsing and supporting the work of OCCJ.

Please complete form and mail to The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice, 100 West Fifth Street, LL 1030, Tulsa, OK 74103. Contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to OCCJ.
Phone: 918.583.1361 - fax: 918.583.1367 - email: info@occjok.org

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How would you like your membership listed? _____

Annual Membership Selection:

☐ Humanitarian Society - \$5,000 - (Gold) ☐ \$2,500 - \$4,999 (Ruby) ☐ \$1,000 - \$2,499 (Silver)

☐ Sustaining - \$500 - \$999 ☐ Associate - \$200 - \$499 ☐ Donor - \$50 - \$199 ☐ Student - \$15 - \$49

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2012 INTERFAITH TRIALOGUE SERIES

Food For Thought: “Thinking about Food, Religion, and Community

The 2012 Interfaith Trialogue Series, “Food for Thought: Thinking about Food, Religion, and Community,” was held on February 5, 12 and 19. The first session was held at the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, the second session at Peace Academy and the third at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church.

Each session was well attended, with 450-500 guests total. This year’s topic “Food for Thought,” was creatively explored

by each of the speakers with humor, insight, and respect. The series culminated in the first-ever “Marketplace of Ideas,” featuring local food and wellness experts in an interactive resource fair.

The Interfaith Trialogue Series is made possible in part by the Tulsa Library Trust's Alfred E. Aaronson Lecture Series Endowment. Special thanks to Dr. Bill Crowell of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church for chairing the Trialogue committee for a sixth consecutive year.

Meshri Featured at Page One Luncheon

Sanjay Meshri, newly elected president of the OCCJ board, recently gave a heartfelt and informative speech at the Tulsa Press Club. Sanjay spoke about OCCJ’s “peaceful fight,” on being a Different and the Same volunteer, and on watching the Anytown delegates’ evolution. “There will always be injustice and obstacles,” Sanjay said. “But Tulsa has a wonderful nonprofit, OCCJ, to make it better than before.”

OCCJ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

OCCJ is currently developing several programs to bridge the gap between the “Different and the Same” program for second graders and the flagship “Camp Anytown” for high schoolers.

Currently, there are three programs in development. The first, “Middletown”, will be a half-day workshop for 7th grade students. The workshop will provide a safe environment for students to discuss bullying and racism, and will include a semester of follow-up curriculum for teachers and parents.

The second program in development is “Anyday,” a full-day workshop for high school

students. Anyday will provide students with an opportunity to come together and be introduced to OCCJ’s mission of fighting bias, bigotry, and racism. The program will include small group discussions, interactive activities, and a basic introduction of themes explored in depth at Camp Anytown.

The third program is a facilitator training for high school students and adults. The customized program will provide in-depth instruction on how to facilitate both a large group, as well as an individual discussion about diversity and will provide increased cultural awareness.

Upcoming Events

March 4 and 11 / 1:00 PM
Teen Interfaith Trialogue Series

March 8, April 12 & May 10
5:30 - 7:30 PM
New Leadership Roundtable

June 17 - 23
Camp Anytown, Oklahoma

September 20 - 23
NFJC Annual Conference, hosted by OCCJ

November 13
54th Annual Awards Dinner

Visit our website
www.occjok.org

The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ) is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism. OCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.



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