



BRIDGING COMMUNITIES is a program for high school students that provides a space for cross-cultural dialogue, community service, and personal growth. Through an examination of the similarities between the WWII incarceration experience of Japanese Americans and the post-9/11 experience of the Muslim Americans, Bridging Communities builds solidarity between these two communities. The goal of Bridging Communities is to empower young people to speak up against prejudice and stereotypes and develop as active leaders within their communities and beyond.

- Meet youth from communities throughout the Chicagoland area
- Engage in interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue
- Earn community service/service learning hours
- Visit the Rohwer War Relocation Center in Arkansas

Through interactive workshops and activities, participants will:

- Examine their sense of personal identity
- Learn strategies for speaking up against prejudice and stereotypes
- Explore the history of the Japanese American and Muslim American community
- Understand tools of activism to make a difference

DATES:

Session 1: Saturday, March 14

Identity & Community Building

Session 2: Saturday, March 21

Muslim American History

Session 3: Friday, March 27 – Monday, March 30

Trip to Rohwer, AR

Session 4: Saturday, April 4

Culmination

Sessions will take place at the JAACL Chicago office and the CAIR-Chicago office.

* Dates are subject to change

Applications are available at:

www.jaclchicago.org/programs/bridging-communities/apply

Deadline date: 11:59 PM, Monday, Feb. 16

Program Cost: FREE

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