



SONGS of HOPE

2025

an international performance
camp for kids from countries worldwide

June 15 - July 29

OUR GOAL

To inspire Songs of Hope campers to be global citizens and to become full members of a global community.

To give them a hands-on rich experience with music from many diverse countries and cultures.

To learn together, create a concert, share, and have fun along the way.



APPLY NOW

Are you ready to join this extraordinary cultural and artistic adventure? Join Songs of Hope! Applying is easy: send us an email at info@soundsofhope.org to receive the application forms, and get ready to be part of a friendly, multicultural, family-feeling camp environment! Financial aid is available, ask us about fees and, if needed, an aid application.

AWARD-WINNING

Three times the Songs of Hope project was a finalist for the prestigious Presidential "Coming Up Taller" Award, an honor given to the nation's top youth arts projects. The first Songs of Hope (1991) received an Award of Excellence from Sister Cities International and Reader's Digest, Inc. For its impact on Minnesota kids, the project received a Peacemaker Award from the Minnesota Lieutenant Governor.

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SONGS OF HOPE at a glance

Songs of Hope is a nonprofit international arts project. The participation by young people from countries worldwide isn't left to chance: each summer, we invite participants from many different countries around the world to insure global diversity.

Songs of Hope campers live together in a dorm on a beautiful university campus – in a suite with roommates from other countries and cultures. First-time campers are aged 10-14, but may return each summer up to age 16.

We also provide a internship program for people older than 16: our interns learn about leadership and community while assisting our staff in different tasks.

Throughout the project, participants learn while having an amazing amount of fun: Hopers go to sports events, pow-wows, cultural festivals, and museums. They play cultural games and share ideas and activities with peers from around the world.

In the end, participants make lifelong friends from other countries, learning about themselves and their world.



rehearsal

Living together for six weeks, Hopers spend the first half of the project in rehearsals, creating a concert of songs, dances, and folk dress from countries around the globe.

tour

In the second half of the project, they perform more than twenty concerts all across Minnesota for diverse audiences — the general public, students, elders, people with disabilities, youth, people in need, and more!

“getting to know you”

Hopers explore each other's cultures through fun games and interactive activities, sharing their traditions, lifestyles and languages, while becoming global citizens.

OUR STAFF

One of the very unique aspects of Songs of Hope is our Staff Team. All of our staff members have been through the project, and are as international as the project itself. Members of our team have come from Turkey, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Guatemala, Madagascar, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, China, the United States, and other countries. The camper to staff ratio is an amazingly low three to one.

Songs of Hope hires some of the best players of world music in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area – versatile artists who bring not only years of musical and performance experience but also a love of working with kids and an ability to draw out kids' best. Most members of our artistic staff have been with us for longer than ten years.





GLOBAL REACH

an amazing experience sampling the rich diversity of U.S. culture through the arts

May 27 - June 10

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To inspire Global Reach campers to become full members and citizens of a global community.

To give them a rich, hands-on experience with arts and cultures in the USA.

To learn together, create, share, and have fun along the way.

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Are you ready for this extraordinary cultural and artistic adventure? Join Global Reach: Arts and Culture Camp™!

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GLOBAL REACH at a glance

A two-week, overnight summer camp in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Global Reach™ is structured for youth and young adults in the age range of 16 to 21. Global Reach campers live together in a dorm on a beautiful university campus - in a suite with roommates from other countries and cultures.

More than just a summer camp, Global Reach offers participants an amazing experience sampling the rich diversity of U.S. culture through the arts - music, dance, theater, visual arts, and more - with many opportunities for hands-on learning, trying, doing, and growing. Throughout the project, participants learn while having an amazing amount of fun: they go to sports events, museums, cultural festivals, and more. They play cultural games and share ideas with peers from around the world.

In the end, participants make lifelong friends, learn about community, leadership, and about themselves and their world!

Your Future in the USA

Global Reach™ is a great way for international young adults to quickly develop a rich understanding of U.S. culture and lifestyle, making it the perfect experience for anyone who is planning to study in the U.S: many of our past campers eventually moved to the USA for university, and claimed their experience with Sounds of Hope Camps gave them a solid understanding of U.S culture and people, which provided them with a strong sense of self confidence in approaching their new journey.

English Immersion

In Global Reach™, English is spoken at all times. Campers fully dive into the English language, practicing constantly with one another, as well as with our English-speaking staff members. All activities are carried out in English and by the end of the camp participants become more confident in their linguistic skills.

Cultural Learning

Global Reach™ participants enjoy a wide range of activities selected to entertain, educate, stimulate, and challenge. Benefiting from being located in the middle of a large and culturally vibrant area, participants have many chances to explore different offerings in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area: such activities and experiences aim to introduce and educate campers to U.S. culture, history, and daily life.

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