



2025-26 Meetings & Events

Below is the schedule of required Bending the Arc (BTA) meetings and events. Please check back for updates. Note that dates, times, and locations of meetings are subject to change; students will be notified in advance of any changes.

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday	Oct. 26, 2025	3-5 PM	BTA Kick-Off & Orientation: Welcome students & parents!	Florida Studio Theatre 1265 First Street, Sarasota
Thursday	Nov. 13	5:30-7:30 PM	BTA Cohort meeting	USF Sarasota-Manatee 8350 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Saturday	Dec. 6	10 AM-12 PM	BTA Outing: Newtown Alive Trolley Tour - Explore the sights & sounds of Sarasota as we learn about local African American History	Drop-off & Pick-up location: Historic Leonard Reid House 2529 N Orange Ave, Sarasota
Saturday	Dec. 13	9 AM-3:30 PM	BTA Activity: Simulated Society (SIMSOC) - interactive problem-solving game where we will experience the complexities of maintaining a society	Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Rd
Thursday	Jan. 8, 2026	5:45-8:30 PM	Public Event: A Conversation with Michael Luo, author of Strangers in the Land	Historic Asolo Theater at the Ringling Museum of Art 5401 Bay Shore Rd, Sarasota
Thursday	Jan. 15	5:30-7:30 PM	BTA Cohort meeting	TBA
Saturday	Jan. 31	9 AM-1 PM	BTA Cohort meeting	USF Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Thursday	Feb. 5	5:45-8:30 PM	Public Event: Shared Legacies: The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance	Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Rd

Sunday	Feb. 8	3-4:30 PM	Alabama trip planning & details – Mandatory meeting for parents & students	TBA
Saturday	Feb. 14	9 AM-1 PM	BTA Cohort meeting	USF Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Saturday	Feb. 21	9 AM-1 PM	BTA Cohort meeting	USF Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Thursday	March 12	6:00-8:30 PM	Public Event: The Stories We Keep: Why Black History Matters	Selby Botanical Gardens, 1534 Mound St, Sarasota
Saturday	March 14	6:00 AM	Depart for Alabama	Drop-off: Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Rd
Friday	March 20	8:00 PM	Return to Sarasota	Pick-up: Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Rd
Thursday	March 26	6:30-7:15 PM	BTA Meeting – Catch up & discuss final projects	Zoom
Saturday	April 9	10 AM-12 PM	BTA Meeting – Work on final projects	USF Sarasota-Manatee, 8350 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota
Saturday	April 18	10 AM-2 PM	BTA Final cohort meeting – Mandatory dress rehearsal for Showcase event. Lunch provided.	Florida Studio Theater 1241 N Palm Ave, Sarasota
Sunday	April 19	3-5 PM	Public Event: BTA Showcase & Award Ceremony Students share final projects with families and community members	Florida Studio Theatre Keating Theatre 1241 N Palm Ave, Sarasota