



Sports Camp of America (SCOA) Senior Camp Counselor Japan Internship Program



This summer Sports Camp of America (SCOA) will hold its sixth annual cross-cultural American sports camp in Japan. SCOA is an American-style summer overnight sports camp where Japanese and international elementary and junior high students experience American culture through playing sports, cheer dance and other camp activities with American camp counselors in an English environment. Since the camp is conducted in English you do not need to know Japanese, but a strong interest in learning about other cultures is required.

SCOA is endorsed by the U.S. Embassy of Japan, NFL Japan, the Japan Flag Football Organization and the Japan Cheer Dance Association. All Nippon Airlines (ANA) is a SCOA sponsor. Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP) is SCOA's partner in sessions held in Kiyosato.

We are looking for American college students with athletic and cheer dance backgrounds to be senior camp counselors this summer. Flag football, soccer and cheer dance are featured at the camp but the kids participate in other sports as well. We are looking for some camp counselors with football, soccer or cheer dance experience but also for those with other team sports backgrounds. Last summer the counselors' backgrounds included soccer, football, cheer dance, field hockey, gymnastics and swimming.

Experience as a camp counselor is highly desirable as well as coaching or teaching experience. You will be a "friendship ambassador." For most of the Japanese campers, it will be the first time they will have spent time interacting with Americans.

This is a non-paid internship. Airfare, transportation to camp, food & lodging while at camp and lodging for your sightseeing excursion in Tokyo are taken care of. You need a valid U.S. passport. If you don't have one, the process to obtain a passport takes up to three months. Selected camp counselors will fly out of either San Francisco or Los Angeles.

The tentative dates are between July 27 and August 18. Camp sessions will be held in the mountain village of Kiyosato, three hours west of Tokyo as well as in Izu which is two hours southwest of Tokyo.

SCOA is now accepting applications. You can download an application at:

<http://www.scoacamp.com/en/index.html>

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held in April in San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles, Davis and Chico.

The application deadline is February 28, 2010.

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