



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



This summer, Sports Camp of America (SCOA) will hold its eighth annual cross-cultural exchange program in Japan. SCOA summer camp is an American-style summer overnight camp where Japanese students experience American culture through playing sports and cheer dance as well as other activities with American camp counselors. The camp is conducted in English so you do not need to know Japanese, but we do want students who have a strong interest in learning about different cultures and who enjoy coaching and playing with kids.

In addition to senior camp counselors who are university students or recent graduates with athletic or cheer dance backgrounds, we are also looking for American high school students who are currently sophomores, juniors or seniors to be junior camp counselors this summer. Flag football, soccer, baseball and cheer dance are featured at the camp but the kids participate in other sports as well. We are looking for high school students with sports or cheer dance backgrounds. Experience working with children is desirable as well as experience as a camper. 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.

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.

The junior camp counselor position is a non-paid internship. Airfare is not included, but food & lodging while at the camp will be taken care of. In the past, SCOA has arranged homestay with a Japanese family for several junior camp counselors after the camp sessions ended and we will try to do so again this summer. You need a valid U.S. passport. If you don't have one, the process to obtain a passport takes up to two months.

The tentative dates for the summer camp are from July 18 to August 18, 2012. Camp sessions are held in the mountains a couple of hours from Tokyo.

You can download an application and view other information at: <http://www.scoacamp.com/en/index.html>

Interviews for selected candidates are tentatively scheduled to be held in April in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The application deadline is February 28, 2012.

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