



Sports Camp of America (SCOA) Junior Camp Counselor Japan Internship Program 2015



Sports Camp of America (SCOA) has an opportunity for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to come to Japan to be junior camp counselors at SCOA's summer camp in summer 2015. SCOA will hold its eleventh annual cross-cultural summer camp program in Japan next summer. SCOA is an American-style summer camp where Japanese elementary and junior high students experience American culture through cheer dance and sports as well as other camp activities with American camp counselors. The camp is conducted in English so no Japanese language ability is required.

In addition to playing sports such as flag football, soccer and cheer dance, campers do typical American camp activities like capture the flag, potato sack races, swimming, water balloon toss, treasure hunts, talent show, camp skits, singing around the campfire and making s'mores.

Last summer, 14 students from Stanford, UCLA, USC, Colorado, Washington, UCSB, UC Davis and Tulane were selected to come to Japan to be senior camp counselors. Their backgrounds included gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, track, cheer dance, swimming, basketball, and softball.

Nine high school students were selected to be junior counselors. Two attend California high schools; Saint Francis High School in Mountain View and Palo Alto High School. The others attend international high schools in Japan.

We are looking for American high school students who have a sports or cheer dance background to be junior camp counselors and who are fluent in English. Experience working with children is desirable as well as experience as a camper. Most of the Japanese campers are at the beginner English level so nonverbal communication is very important. It will also be the first time for most of the campers to spend time interacting with Americans or any foreigners for that matter. 650 campers participated in one of SCOA two and three-night sessions.

SCOA is endorsed by the U.S. Embassy of Japan, the Japan Flag Football Organization the Japan Cheer Dance Association and Speed Stacks Japan. 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 is covered. In the past, SCOA was able to arrange a short homestay with a Japanese family for several of the junior camp counselors after the camp sessions ended. While we can't guarantee it, we will try to do so again this summer for those interested. 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 17, 2015. Camp sessions are held in the mountains a couple of hours from Tokyo. You can download an application and view other information at:

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