USA SUMMER CAMP

Japan: Counselor Application Information and Application

Guy Healy, Japan, a culture-exchange consulting agency based in Nagasaki and Fukuoka, Japan, has invited 10-15 UWSP students to work and live in Japan as part of the USA Summer Camp program. The students from America will stay in Japan for approximately nine weeks. During this period the students will work as camp counselors at USA Camp USA for part of their stay and stay with Japanese host families for part of their stay.

Japanese language ability is not required to apply for this program.

LOCATION: The program takes place at a variety of locations all over Japan. Each student will be assigned to a team in one location. Possible areas in Japan include: Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Kumamoto and Nagasaki. Other areas may be added to this list. While students will be allowed to state preferences, the final decision on placement will be made by the program organizers. BE FLEXIBLE. One team may be selected to operate camps in two separate areas depending on need.

DATES: The period of stay in Japan will vary from team to team. Departures from the United States will range from mid-June to early July. Returning dates will range from mid to late August. You do not have a say on this; if you are not able to be flexible within this range, please do not apply.

HOST FAMILIES: During non-camp days students will stay with volunteer families in Japan. Most families have at least one family member who can speak English. Using information forms filled out by host families and student applicants, organizers will do their best to make suitable placements. Depending on family schedules and availability some students are likely to be placed with more than one host family.

Note: In the event of host family scheduling difficulties it is also possible that students may be housed in a youth hostel or hotel during part of their non-camp stay. In the unlikely event of this situation, lodging and meal expenses would be provided by the program sponsors.

USA SUMMER CAMP: This is an English language program for Japanese students, elementary school age through college. During the summer, counselors take part in the camp program for approximately 27 days/22 nights. (The general pattern is 5 nights at camp followed by 4 nights with the host family) There will also be a five-night counselor orientation session that will take place at the camp facility upon arrival in Japan.

The camp program takes place at national campgrounds in various parts of Japan. Most campgrounds are quite comfortable with indoor sleeping and dining facilities, however their may be some sessions utilizing tents.
During the program the students from America will act as camp counselors, working with the Japanese students on a variety of English language drills and activities. Counselors will also participate with the Japanese students in recreation activities, meals and variety of social activities.

**COST/COMPENSATION:** Students pay approximately $1,000-1,200 to cover costs such as UWSP, WI resident tuition and mandatory health/travel insurance. There is a surcharge of c. $250 for non-residents; reciprocity applies for MN residents.

For the counselors selected, Guy Healy, Japan will provide for the following:
1. Round-trip air transportation from Chicago or Minneapolis (Midwest applicants) and Fukuoka, Japan.
2. Round-trip ground transportation between arrival city and camp location.
3. All host family arrangements. (Counselors will not be required to pay any fee to host families for room and board.)
4. Food and lodging during all assigned days at the camp program.
5. Transportation expenses between host family’s home and the camp program.

**UWSP provides:**
1. Three UWSP undergraduate credits in International Studies.
2. Overseas health insurance policy for stay in Japan through the UW-System.

**Students selected for the program will be responsible for the following:**
1. Transportation between USA departure airport and student's home.
2. Personal spending money for their stay in Japan, Recommended to bring $400 to $600.

**APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS:**
Step 1: Students fill out and submit the Japan-specific application forms to International Programs. **Deadline:** December 1 of the academic year before the summer program. **Late applications will be taken only if there are still open positions.**

Step 2: Applicants may be called in for an interview.

Step 3: Selected applicants will be notified of their selection by January 15 of the same years as the program runs.

Step 4: Applicants who have been accepted positions should begin applying for their passports immediately. Further information regarding travel plans, things to bring and host family placements will be forthcoming from the sponsors.
CAMP USA (JAPAN)
COUNSELOR APPLICATION FORM - DUE DECEMBER 1*

APPLICANT'S NAME: ___________________________ SEX: MALE [ ] FEMALE [ ]

UWSP ID # __________________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: ___________________________________________

HOME PHONE: ___________________________________________

BIRTH DATE: ___________________________________________

AGE: ______

Cumulative GPA: ___________________________ (attach your most recent transcript or course history)

MAJOR(s): ___________________________ MINOR(s): ___________________________

SCHOOL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________

GRADUATION DATE: ___________________________

SCHOOL PHONE: ___________________________________________

E-MAIL: ___________________________________________

Why would you like to participate on this program? Please rate these 1-8 with 1 being the most important.

__ Curiosity __ Increase employment possibilities __ Learn about another culture
__ Increase employment possibilities __ Practice teaching a foreign language skills building __ Personal growth
__ Travel/Adventure __ Other ___________________________

Do you have any Foreign Language Skills?

☐ Fluent ☐ Beginning Language(s): ___________________________

☐ Advanced ☐ Basic Vocabulary

☐ Intermediate ☐ No Foreign Language Skills Whatsoever

* Late applications will be taken if there is still room. Check with the UWSP International Programs Office to verify open positions.

Feel free to use more space to complete the following questions/points by using the back of these sheets.
ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES:


SPECIAL INTERESTS:

What do you expect to gain from this program?
SPECIFICALLY: What academic/vocational goals will be fulfilled for you by participating in this program?

What do you think you have to offer to the Japanese students at USA Summer Camp? What experience do you have in teaching?
What are your strengths & weaknesses when dealing with children and especially adolescents?

Are you comfortable working and living in a group environment (eating, sleeping, bathing, etc. together)?

**Note:** After careful review of the applications, a portion of the applicants will be called in for an interview. The interview will then determine which names will be forwarded to Japan for final review and possible acceptance. Criteria for acceptance includes, but not necessarily in order of importance:

1. Experience being with or working with kids
2. Appropriate academic experience
3. Flexibility
4. Being articulate
5. Willingness to work hard
6. Travel experience

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**108 COLLINS CLASSROOM CENTER BY DECEMBER 1.** Note, applications will NOT be reviewed until December 15; to that end applying early WILL not boost your chances for acceptance. Late applications will be taken only if there are still open positions.