

Seize the Day: Take Part in the International Youth Summer Camp 2005

The 2nd International Youth Summer Camp will take place at the Okayama Youth Nature Center and in Okayama City, Japan. This year's camp will focus on learning to live together and education for sustainable development. During the camp, the children from each city will take part in programs that include cultural exchanges, environmental awareness and so on. The programs will foster friendships among the children and help them become the leaders of the next generation.



Okayama City is located in the center of the Okayama Plain where two large rivers run through the city to the Seto Inland Sea. The southern part of the city has a vast agricultural plain, and to the north, a range of mountains extends to the Kibi Heights. Okayama City is blessed with a warm climate and fine weather, specific to the regions surrounding the Seto Inland Sea. Okayama is becoming a hub city by improving the vast network of highways and incorporating nearby towns. Through these endeavors Okayama is aiming to be a key location in the Chugoku-Shikoku Region of Japan.

Why not take part in the Okayama International Youth Summer Camp 2005, and take the chance to create memories that last a lifetime and make lifelong friendships? We eagerly await your application.

- **Date:** August 11, 2005 to August 17, 2005; 6 nights, 7 days
- **Location:** Okayama Youth Nature Center (<http://www.city.okayama.okayama.jp/kyouiku/shounenshizennoie/>) and other locations
- **Activities:** Sharing living conditions with children from other cities, experiencing Japanese culture (tea ceremony, Zen meditation, etc.), presenting participating cities' culture (dance, music, etc.), sports, making music instruments and having a party with famous dishes from each participating region, etc.
- **Applicants:** Ideally between the ages of 12-16
- **Participating Cities:** Luoyang (China), Bucheon (Korea), Hsin-Chu (Taiwan), San Jose(U.S.A), San Jose (Costa Rica), Plovdiv (Bulgaria), Pune (India) and Okayama (Japan)
(Plan)
- **Number of Applicants:** Around 10 children from each city
- **Language:** English will be the principle language
- **Expenses:** During the summer camp, the participants' fees (food, activities, accommodation) will be incurred by Okayama City. The participants will be responsible for transportation fees to and from Okayama and other similar expenditures. Staff escorting the children must pay additional 20,000 Japanese yen each for his/her participation.
- **Deadline:** Friday, May 20th
- **Hosts:** The Okayama International Friendship Association, the City of Okayama and the Okayama City Board of Education
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Summer Camp Schedule (Tentative)

Dates	Days	Activities	Accommodation
8/11	Thursday	The children from each city arrive in Okayama 《Welcome Party》	Okayama City
8/12	Friday	Move to the Okayama Youth Nature Center Ice breaking games, making musical instruments	Okayama Youth Nature Center
8/13	Saturday	AM: Zen meditation and tea ceremony at the Sogenji Temple PM: Sports activities (indoor soccer, etc.) at the Okayama Dome	Okayama Youth Nature Center
8/14	Sunday	Composing music Practicing for the musical performance	Okayama Youth Nature Center
8/15	Monday	Exploring Okayama city: a visit of historical & cultural sites and an IT facility, etc., buying food for the next day's party	Okayama Youth Nature Center
8/16	Tuesday	The Earth Festival (food stands with the famous dishes of each city made by the participants, music and dance performance)	Okayama Youth Nature Center
8/17	Wednesday	Depart the Okayama Youth Nature Center The children from each city depart home	

※ This schedule is subject to change.