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The 24th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka, Japan sponsored in part by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (July 13-25, 2012)

******DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 14, 2012 TO JASH******

The JASH address is: P.O. Box 1412, Honolulu, HI 96806-1412

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is looking for applicants to participate in the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan scheduled for July 13-25, 2012. JASH will select six 11-year old students (three boys and three girls) as Junior Ambassadors (JAs) to interact with nearly 250 11-year olds from over 40 Asian-Pacific countries and regions. The JAs will spend one week with a Japanese host family and three days at the APCC global youth camp. It is hoped that by the children taking part in the APCC, they will build a network of mutual understanding as they meet and make friends with others who look and speak differently than themselves.

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA / CHECK LIST

Please sign and submit this checklist with your APCC application.

In order for students to be eligible to participate as Junior Ambassadors for the 24th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan, the following criteria must be met:

- To have been born between **September 1, 2000 and August 31, 2001**;
- Not to be a child or the relative of the chaperone or any member of the JASH staff;
- To be of healthy body and mind;
- To be able to take any and all medications by him/herself if he/she has any regulated health issues;
- To be interested in the exchange of cultures between children from countries and regions in Asia and the Pacific;
- To have a curiosity and an interest in the Japanese way of life and culture and be willing to actively experience it;
- To be willing to try to eat Japanese food without hesitation;
- To be independent and mature enough to stay alone for about two weeks away from his/her parents in an unfamiliar country with a different culture;
- To be willing to live with a Japanese host family;
- To be able to introduce their own cultures to others in Japan;

- To participate in activities of Bridge Club Hawaii (APCC alumni association) after the APCC trip;
- To adhere to the **RULES** as listed below:
 - Do not ask the host family to take you on specific sightseeing activities or shopping. Parents/Relatives cannot accompany their child to/from Fukuoka.
 - **Except for emergencies, parents/relatives should NOT call or e-mail their child at their host family during his/her home stay in Japan. Neither should the child call or email their parents/relatives.**
 - Do not leave your delegation during the travel to and from Fukuoka and while in Fukuoka.
 - Adhere to the host family's rules and schedule during the home stay.
 - Do not engage in activities whose purpose differs from that of the APCC, such as commercial transactions (e.g. activities for monetary gain).
- All items in the application (including the two signed recommendations) must be postmarked by Saturday, January 14, 2012.** No email recommendations will be accepted. Any deviation or omission of application items is reason for disqualification. Being able to follow directions accurately is the first indicator in the review/selection process.
 1. Recommendations will be submitted directly by: (Please print Teacher/Coach/Pastor Names)
_____ and _____
NOTE: The teacher/coach/pastor cannot be a relative of the applicant
 2. Wallet-sized Photo
 3. Handwritten Application and signed criteria/checklist form.

NOTE: The mandatory interview date will be January 28, 2012.

- Please note: JASH will select which applicants are invited to the interview. A letter will be sent to all applicants who are invited to the interview.**
- If selected as a Junior Ambassador, he/she must have their pediatrician fill out a medical certificate (supplied by the APCC office after selections have been made) attesting that the child has no medical condition that would preclude him/her from traveling abroad and/or participating in this program.
- If selected as a Junior Ambassador, a full commitment must be made to **attend every workshop**. The only exception would be a family emergency. Sports and other extracurricular conflicts are not permissible excuses. Missing a workshop may lead to disqualification. Students who are late or do not complete homework assignments on time may be penalized and/or disqualified. JASH reserves the right to dismiss any JA from the program at its discretion.

24th tentative APCC Workshop Schedule (subject to change):

1. February 11, 2012
2. March 3, 2012
3. April 14, 2012
4. May 5 – 6, 2012 (Overnight at Camp Erdman)
5. May 19, 2012
6. June 8, 2012 (Hilton 5:01 event)
7. June 9, 2012 (Beach Clean-Up in Waikiki)
8. June 23, 2012
9. July 7, 2012
July 13 – July 25, 2012 (APCC trip to Fukuoka)
10. August 4, 2012

- The following expenses **will be** covered by the APCC/JASH:
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp Erdman (approximately \$50);
 - Cost of hula outfits;
 - Expenses for excursion to *Shirokiya* (during May workshop)
 - Round-trip airfare including airport tax between Fukuoka and Honolulu International Airport;
 - Transportation fees within Japan as designated by the APCC or host families;
 - Accommodation fees for hotels in Japan or abroad as designated by the APCC;
 - Meals during the entire stay in Fukuoka;

- The following expenses **will NOT** be covered by the APCC/JASH:
 - Business cards (approximately \$20);
 - APCC Registration fee (approximately \$25).
 - Half the cost of overnight at Camp Erdman (approximately \$50).
 - Transportation fees between the participants' homes and workshops/events/Honolulu International Airport;
 - Expenses incurred obtaining a passport and/or visa;
 - Daily allowances and any other personal expenses (e.g. shopping, gifts) for the JAs;

- The following is the scope of the insurance for injury and illness:
 - The APCC will purchase a travel insurance policy for each participant;
 - The insurance will cover the participants for all injuries and illnesses incurred during the trip;
 - The coverage will begin when the participants leave Honolulu International Airport and runs continuously until they arrive back at Honolulu International Airport upon completion of the APCC;
 - Dental treatment and previous illnesses, such as asthma, are **NOT** covered by this insurance policy. Thus, these expenses will need to be covered by the individual, not by the APCC.
NOTE: Please plan to have your child bring his/her own medical insurance card with them to Japan.

- For applicants and selected Junior Ambassadors NOT residing on Oahu:**
 - Student must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for the interview. If selected, student must pay their own roundtrip airfare to and from Oahu for the workshops and must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

By signing below, I state that I have read and understand all of the participation requirements for the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Note: Students, please legibly **HAND WRITE** all responses to the questions on this application in **BLUE or BLACK INK**. All responses must be completed by the student applicant.

1. Briefly introduce yourself. (Ex: Family, School, Hawaii, United States, etc.)

2. Have you ever eaten any Japanese food? What would you do if you were asked to try a food that you had never eaten before and you didn't know what it was?

3. Why do you want to go to Japan?

4. What do you like to do in your free time? (Ex. Hobbies, Sports, Interests, etc.)

5. How would you feel about living with a Japanese host family for at least 7 (seven) days in Fukuoka?

6. If you were talking with a foreign student your age, how would you describe Hawaii and/or the United States of America?

7. If you are selected, how will you create a team and bond with your fellow Hawaii Junior Ambassadors?

8. How would you communicate with someone who doesn't speak English?

9. Why do you feel you would make a good Junior Ambassador?