

# Pacific Rim International Camp 2017

<PRIC 2017>

## General Information



### Organizers

Approved NPO Pacific Rim International Student Camp  
Nippon Television Network Corporation

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Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology  
Nagano Nature Conservation Office Ministry of the Environment  
Nishikatsura Town, Yamanashi Prefecture  
National Camping Association of Japan  
The Yomiuri Shimbun

### Sponsors

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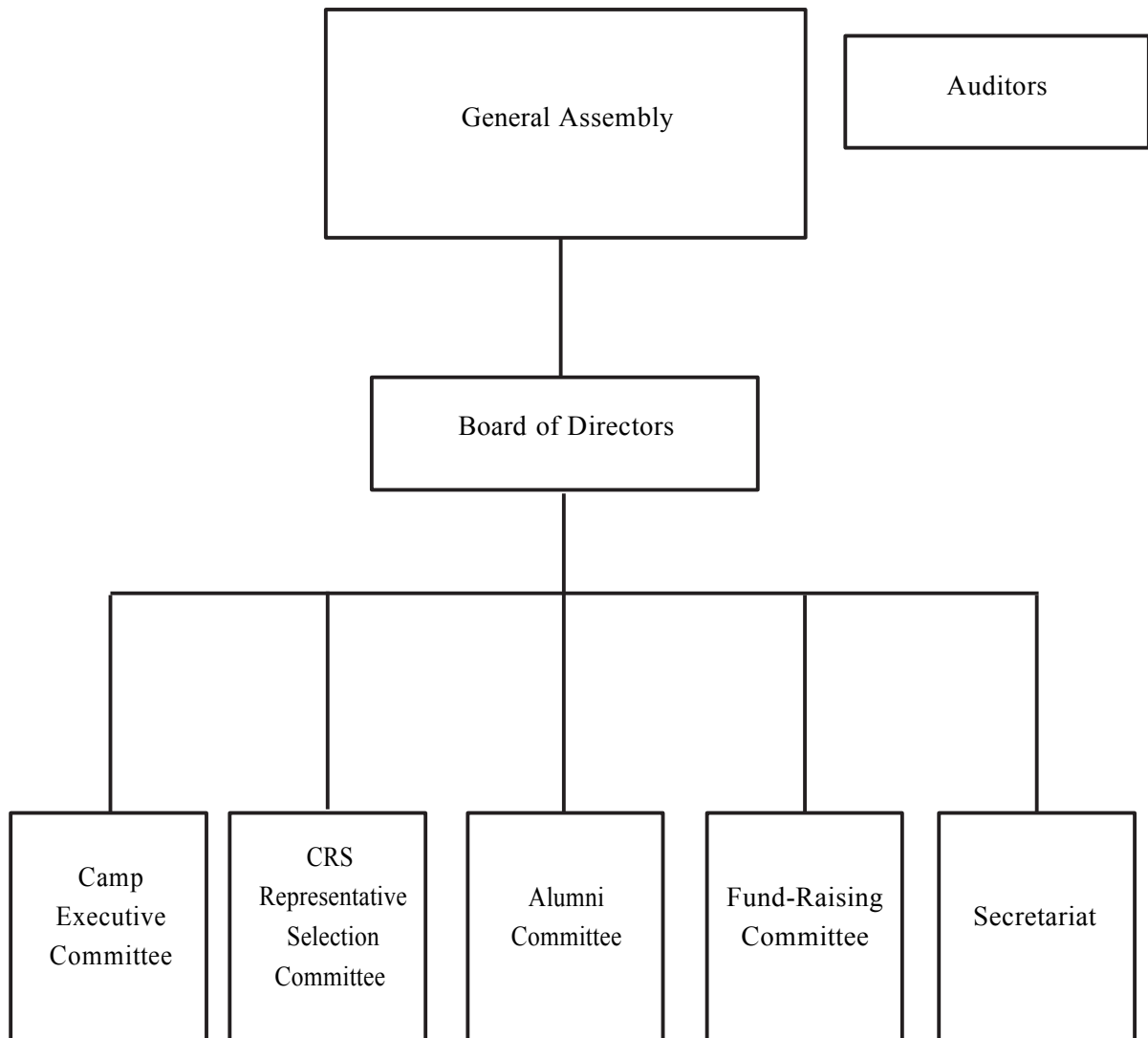
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\* "AJSC" is short for All Japan Student Camp, the predecessor of PRIC and "CRS" is short for Camp Rising Sun, an international scholarship camp held every summer in State of New York, USA.

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## Introduction

Pacific Rim International Camp (PRIC) is a scholarship camp program that provides a forum of international exchange for youths of the Pacific Rim region. The camp is supported by corporate and individual contributions and operated by Approved NPO Pacific Rim International Student Camp and volunteer staff. Together we create an ideal outdoor-oriented summer educational experience for high school-aged campers from countries and region around the Pacific Ocean; those representatives are Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New-Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States.

## History

PRIC was founded in 1985 as the successor to the foremost educational camp for high school students in Japan, the All Japan Student Camp (AJSC).

AJSC was established by The Yomiuri Shimbun, a leading national newspaper, in 1951 as the first educational camp to develop future leaders of Japan, when the country was on the path of reconstruction from the devastation of World War II. Every summer, approximately 100 high school students gathered from all over Japan to experience friendship, leadership, and followership by camping together in wilderness. From among these students, one was chosen each year to represent Japan at Camp Rising Sun, an international scholarship summer camp founded in upstate New York, U.S.A., in 1930. Today over 3,000 alumni of AJSC are playing active roles in a wide range of fields in Japan and overseas.

On the occasion of the United Nations International Youth Year in 1985, the camp was

expanded to include campers and staff from other countries of the Pacific Rim, a move that was made possible thanks to the generosity of corporate donors. This shift to an international camp was the beginning of what has since been known as Pacific Rim International Camp.

## Objectives

In order to help meet the challenges of globalization, PRIC aims to promote cultural appreciation and international friendship through close interaction day in and day out among the campers. It is a miniature version of the highly diversified Pacific Rim in a Japanese setting. The camp's goal is to help the campers learn the importance of personal contribution in building a multinational society based on friendship.

As the camp is hosted in Japan, we feel it is both our privilege and our obligation to inspire cultural appreciation among the campers through opportunities to see Japan—both traditional and modern—with their own eyes. We trust this will in turn induce appreciation for other cultures and contribute to the building of a truly diversified society.

In the spirit of traditional summer camps, PRIC endeavors to provide a character-building experience by encouraging friendship, leadership, and followership. Based on over 60 years of experience, we believe that the most effective means of promoting such ideals in a limited period of time is communal living. The camp additionally strives to educate the campers about nature and deepen their appreciation for the environment.

In sum, PRIC's programs and activities are designed to train the body, mind, and spirit towards creating young international pioneers ; the leaders of tomorrow.

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## Features

This is a scholarship camp fully supported by donation of corporations and individuals with goodwill and comprehension for PRIC. The camp is conducted mostly in English language with some Japanese. It takes place in three locations. Firstly, Tokyo and its vicinity is the place where Pre-camp and Post camp programs will be held. CFAs will find here traditional and contemporary Japan, both in culture and technology, as well as city life. Secondly, Nishikatsura town, near the Mt. Fuji, 100km west of Tokyo in Yamanashi Prefecture is the town where campers will have 4 days home-stay program. This program is planned, coordinated and executed by a volunteers' committee of the town in close contact with us, and is also encouraged by the town council. The program includes goodwill exchange with local schools, going to the Mt. Fuji, etc. However, the main stage of the camp is National Takato Youth Center. This facility is located in Nagano Prefecture, almost center of Honshu, main island. The program here consists of a variety of outdoor activities in the surrounding mountains and lakes, cultural exchange program presenting countries and regions each other, also promoting the ideas for the environmental reserve and protection. Outdoor cooking is another feature to enjoy and learn versatile culture among campers.

## Camp Schedule

### Pre-Camp (7 days)

Monday, August 7 - Sunday, August 13

- Orientation, Sightseeing, Home-stay

Campers from abroad (CFAs) should arrive at Narita Airport on August 7, 2017.

### Camp (8 days)

Sunday, August 13 – Sunday, August 20

- Opening Ceremony, Orientation, Welcome Campfire
- Morning and Evening Assemblies
- Seminar and Discussion on the Environmental issues etc.
- Games, Orienteering
- Cultural Presentations
- Hiking and Canoeing
- Japanese Culture Day: Tea Ceremony etc.
- Outdoor Cooking: Three Times
- Closing Campfire

Sunday, August 20

- Cleaning, Closing Ceremony, Departure from Takato Youth Center for Tokyo

### Post-Camp (3 days)

Sunday, August 20 – Tuesday, August 22

- Sightseeing, Farewell Party
- Campers from abroad should leave Narita Airport on August 22

※The schedule may change without prior notice.

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## Things to Bring

1. Clothes
  - Shorts and T-shirts
  - Long-sleeve shirts and long pants
  - Underwear and socks
  - Windbreaker, sweatshirt and/or light sweater
2. Hat or cap
3. Rain gear and umbrella
4. Two pairs of sneakers for outdoor and indoor purposes; indoor shoes must be clean and cannot be worn outside
5. One pair of shoes for water sports; may be substituted with sports sandals
6. Flashlight and spare batteries
7. Toiletries (including soap and towel), sunscreen lotion
8. Personal medications (if necessary)
9. PRIC Acknowledgement of Participation
10. Extra passport picture
11. Student ID (English ID is suggested)
12. Writing materials
13. Watch
14. Souvenirs - inexpensive folk crafts, sweets, etc. – for exchange with all other campers
15. Materials for country presentation and cultural exchange (see notes below)
16. Backpack (for hiking)

## Notes

1. Private telephone calls, purchases of gifts and food other than provided, and any other personal expenses will not be borne by the host organization. It is recommended that you bring enough petty cash to cover these expenses and other incidental expenses. Access to ATMs is easy in Tokyo and Nishikatsura, where most of the pre- and post-camp activities take place, but

this is not the case with the Takato facilities, the main site of the camp.

2. Temperatures are normally warm to hot (25° C/77°F) during the day, but since Takato is located 1,300 meters above sea level, it is relatively cool (13° C/55° F) at night.
3. During the camp in Takato, time will be made available to introduce and present yourself and your home country. We suggest that you bring presentation materials, such as pictures, slides, and postcards, to assist in making your country and culture be better understood by the other campers.
4. We do not encourage you to bring expensive items for presentation and/or personal gifts. Campers should plan unique presentations by using hand-made or easily obtained items. Windows PC and projector are provided by organization. You can use them for presentations.

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## **Application Process for Campers from Abroad**

The selection process and qualifications differ between applicants in Japan and those residing abroad, and campers from abroad (CFAs) are recruited through the associated educational organization in each participating country.

Applications for CFAs will be accepted through May 31, 2016, Japan time. The application form should be accompanied by all the documents required by the PRIC Camp Executive Committee.

After reviewing the application documents, we will notify successful candidates with a letter of acceptance. The selection process is completed after the acceptance letter is sent to successful candidates and the Acknowledgement Form is properly signed and submitted to the host organization. All correspondence will be done electronically.

## **Selection Guideline**

### ***Qualifications***

Applicants should be male students from one of the participating countries and region **between 14 and 17 years of age as of August 1, 2016**. Successful candidates must be able to speak and understand English, as they will be discussing the life and culture of their country in English. They must be available for the entire duration of the program and must follow the arrival and departure dates set by the host organization.

They are expected to have a strong desire to learn about other people, cultures, and countries with a positive attitude throughout the program. Preference is given to students who have never stayed in Japan before.

### ***Number of Participating Campers***

Total 42: 30 from Japan, 12 from overseas

At least one camper from each participating foreign country and region is invited. The final number of campers may differ from what is given above.

### ***Fee***

The host organization will bear all necessary expenses during the camp program, including room, board, and transportation, as well as the round-trip airfare to Japan. The campers are asked to provide for local travel expenses to the airport of departure in his country, expenses for obtaining an entry visa to Japan, and any other personal expenses.

### ***Campers' Obligation***

Each camper is required to submit a report of about 2,000 words, written in English, about his experiences at PRIC. The report must be typed and sent to the PRIC office by August 31, 2017.

### ***Application Documents***

The following documents must be sent to Independent Schools Council of Australia no later than **close of business Tuesday 9 June 2016**.

1. Application Form (attached)
2. Health Certificate prepared by medical doctor.  
The Health Certificate must demonstrate the applicant to be physically and mentally healthy and fit for the programs, which will include mountain hiking and outdoor sports.
3. School Transcript
4. Letter of Recommendation, written by the school principal or another appropriate individual

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5. Essay written by the applicant  
(see Application Questionnaire)
  6. Copy of Passport, if available. A passport copy will be necessary for travel arrangements once selected.

## Return Address

Pacific Rim International Student Camp  
Attention: Ruth Underwood Independent  
Schools Council of Australia PO Box 324  
DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600  
E-mail: [isca@isca.edu.au](mailto:isca@isca.edu.au)

## Regulations

Below are the regulations of Pacific Rim International Camp. Guardians and applicants must thoroughly read and understand the following before submitting the application documents.

1. Guardians are responsible for promptly notifying the host organization in writing if their child develops any kind of medical condition before coming to the camp.
2. Campers must adequately take care of their personal health and safety.
3. Guardians must submit their current address and phone number so that the host organization can contact them in case of emergency.
4. Campers must follow the arrival and departure dates set by the host organization. Unauthorized personal travel will not be permitted.
5. If campers wish to bring anything that is not included in the list of Things to Bring, they must obtain prior permission from the host organization.
6. Private telephone calls, purchases of gifts, and any other personal expenses shall be borne by the camper. The host organization shall not be held responsible for any personal expenses of the campers.
7. Campers are encouraged to obtain some knowledge of the history, geography, culture, and customs of their country before coming to the camp.
8. Campers must follow the rules and regulations of the host organization and pay particular attention to directives given orally or distributed in print during the camp.
9. To protect the campers' safety, unauthorized visitors will not be allowed during the programs. If campers would like to have a personal friend to visit, they must consult and obtain prior permission from the host organization.



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10. For security reasons, we ask that all campers hand in their passports and air tickets to the assigned member of staff upon arrival. The documents will be held for safekeeping for the duration of the camp.

## **Application Questionnaire**

The following questions should be answered in writing and submitted with your application.

1. Why do you want to participate in PRIC?
2. What do you believe are your personal strengths and weaknesses?
3. How do you envision your future?
4. Have you made a presentation to a group of people outside of your class? If yes, when, to whom, and on what occasion did you do so?
5. What is your hobby or extracurricular activity you are working on with ardor? If you have a goal for it, describe it,
6. In what ways do you think you can contribute to better understanding of your country in an international setting?
7. What do you think are the issues with global importance that should be shared and discussed with people from around the world? How do you want to participate in the discussions?

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## **Management and Administrative Policies**

### ***Environmental Protection***

In accordance with the regulations of the camp site, Takato Youth Center, there is to be no littering or disturbance of the environment in any way, and a conscientious attitude toward nature and the environment will be promoted particularly during outdoor activities.

### ***Public Health***

In addition to following all living and dining regulations, such as cleaning the cabins every morning, everyone is expected to follow the guidance of the camp director and staff and maintain a healthy routine of proper rest, activity, and nutrition.

### ***Management***

The camp leadership is composed of: a well-trained volunteer staff supervised by the camp director, members of the host organization, activity instructors, and staff of the Takato Youth Center. Campers are supervised by experienced counselors during the camp. One counselor is assigned to each group of less than 10 campers, thereby insuring a personal level of care throughout the camp.

### ***Camp Safety***

In addition to the instructors of each activity, a member of the program staff acts to insure smooth operation. Furthermore, additional personnel are assigned to special activities, such as canoeing and campfires, to provide greater safety. Should it be necessary for campers to receive treatment beyond the capacity of Takato Youth Center's medical personnel, they will be transported to Ina Central Hospital (phone: +81-265-72-3121).

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## Camp Insurance Policy

### *Emergency Measures*

The Approved NPO Pacific Rim International Student Camp (hereinafter “The Organizer”) will take necessary measures for the protection of campers in the event of an emergency. By acknowledging participation, the campers and their guardians shall be deemed to have authorized the Organizer to take the measures it considers necessary for emergency medical attention.

### *Insurance Policy*

1. All campers are insured for the duration of the camp by the insurance company with which the Organizer has completed a contract. If campers should sustain injury or illness during this period, campers and guardians will be indemnified according to the insurance coverage placed by the Organizer. Campers and guardians must accept the terms, conditions, and limitations of the insurance company’s overseas travel accident insurance and liability insurance. Campers and guardians may not claim further compensation and are to accept that the said insurance coverage is written in Japanese.
2. In the event that the Organizer is liable to compensate the camper beyond the coverage written above, the Organizer will pay the amount covered by the Liability Insurance. The Organizer will not pay beyond the said amount.
3. The period of insurance coverage is strictly limited to the duration of the Organizer’s official camp program, and does not include any additional time spent in Japan.

## Insurance Coverage For Campers from Abroad

In accordance with its Camp Insurance Policy, the Organizer will insure each camper from abroad with the coverage described below. Applicants to Pacific Rim International Camp and their guardians agree that, by submitting the application and/or acknowledgement to the organization, campers are bound by the terms and conditions set forth in the insurance policy and its coverage. Applicants further understand and agree that, if the Organizer pays any related expenses on behalf of a camper before the insurance claim is granted, the Organizer is to be compensated for the actual amount it has paid.

1. Insurance Company:  
JI Accident & Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
2. Type of Insurance:  
Inbound Insurance
3. Duration of Insurance Coverage  
(Dates given herein are Japan time)  
Campers from abroad: August 7, 2017 to August 22, 2017
4. Insurance Coverage  
(Values given herein are in Japanese yen)
  - a. Loss of life and physical impediments  
(aggregated insured amount)  
JPY 5,000,000
  - b. Medical and rescuers’ expenses  
(aggregated insured amount)  
JPY 5,000,000
  - c. Treatment for injury and sickness  
(aggregated insured amount)  
JPY 5,000,000

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## National Takato Youth Center (TYC)

### *Liability Insurance*

#### 1. Coverage:

The insurance indemnifies the Organizer (including host families in the home-stay program) for loss incurred by reason of liability imposed by law for bodily injury and damages of property resulting from a fortuitous accident.

#### 2. Limitation of Coverage:

##### a. Bodily injury per accident

JPY 500,000,000

##### b. Property damage per accident

JPY 10,000,000

The National Takato Youth Center (TYC), which was opened in November 1990, is a public camp-site managed by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. The center is located at 1,300 meters above sea level in the foothills of the Japanese Alps and provides an ideal woodland camp environment complete with hills, streams, and lakes.

### **Facilities**

1. Land Area : 193ha

2. Floor Space: 8,700m<sup>2</sup>

#### 3. Facility Features

a. Craft Room 144m<sup>2</sup>

b. Lecture Hall 168m<sup>2</sup>

c. Class Rooms 288m<sup>2</sup>

d. Gymnasium 540m<sup>2</sup>

e. Dining Hall 372m<sup>2</sup>

f. Public Baths 262m<sup>2</sup>

g. Log Cabins 2,300m<sup>2</sup>

8 cabins accommodating 40 persons

4 cabins accommodating 30 persons

h. Meeting Deck 800m<sup>2</sup>

i. Camp fire sites 6

j. Barbecue sites 7

k. Tents sites 35

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