



WELCOME TO CAMP CHOSŎN

Located at the
Association Retreat Center
2372 30th Avenue
Osceola, Wisconsin 54020
www.CampChoson.org

Day Camp

Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3, 2020

Resident Camp

Sunday, June 28 through Friday, July 3, 2020

The St. Croix Valley Korean-American Cultural Society, Inc. invites you to Camp Chosŏn! This non-profit, 501c-3 volunteer organization supports Korean-American children, youth and their families. Most camp participants are adoptees or children of adoptees. Camp Chosŏn is located in northwestern Wisconsin near the beautiful St. Croix River Valley - just 45 minutes east of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Camp Chosŏn gives participants the opportunity to appreciate Korea's rich culture and to celebrate their tie with Korean heritage. Campers experience the joy of building new friendships centered on self-esteem and mutual respect. The camp's rural, tranquil setting promotes self-awareness, community, and enjoyment of nature.

Day Camp is offered to children, who enter grades K-6 in the fall of 2020. An overnight option for campers entering 6th grade is available. On-site Resident Camp is offered to youth entering 7th through 11th grades in the fall of 2020.

Camp Chosŏn is sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Korean-American Cultural Society, Inc. Any use of this document or the name "Camp Chosŏn" without written authorization from the Board of Directors is prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Positive Korean Role Models

Knowledgeable and sensitive Koreans and Korean-Americans teach classes at Camp Chosŏn. Most counselors are Korean-American adoptees.

Day Camp Schedule

Day Camp begins daily at 9:00 a.m. with the Cho-Whey family gathering. Monday through Thursday, Day Camp ends at 4:00 p.m. After the Closing Ceremony on Friday, which occurs from 2:00-3:30, Camp Chosŏn concludes.

Day Camp (Grades K-6)

Campers *entering* grades K-6 learn about Korean language, culture, storytelling, art, music, traditional dancing and drumming, Taekwondo, self-respect, and adoption topics. Recreational activities include swimming, Korean games, archery, and nature hikes.

Day Camp with Overnight Option

To provide a transition or bridge from Day Camp to Resident Camp, an overnight option is offered for children *entering* 6th grade in the fall of 2020. This option, which occurs on Thursday night, extends the camp experience. This option includes two full meals, parent chaperones, and fun activities!

Resident Camp (Grades 7-11)

Resident Camp, for youth *entering* 7th grades through 11th grade, offers popular activities such as traditional drumming, sports, canoeing or kayaking, counselor fashion show, and a dance. Resident Camp helps Korean-American adolescents develop positive self-esteem and a sense of community.

Nursery Care

No-cost childcare for infant and toddler siblings is provided to instructors, parent volunteers and workshop presenters.

Meals

A delicious, homemade Korean lunch is served daily. Lunch is included with each Day Camper registration fee. Resident Camp registration fees also include all meals, beginning with the evening meal on Sunday. Volunteers and visitors, who plan to eat lunch, **MUST** purchase meal tickets at the time of registration or on-site at the Korean Market. Each meal ticket costs \$10.00 per person.

Day Camp Counselors

If you are interested in becoming a beloved Day Camp Counselor, please review the application found on the Camp Chosŏn website.

Korean Market

The Korean Market is a Camp Chosŏn favorite! The market has a wonderful selection of Korean snacks, Camp Chosŏn memorabilia, and imported Korean items. There is something for everyone. Market items make wonderful gifts!

Adult Workshops

Camp Chosŏn provides scheduled workshops throughout camp week. Adults are uniquely able to learn about Korean food, culture, traditions, adoption issues, and parenting in a fun, relaxed and supportive setting. Workshops are provided at no cost to participants.

Travel Accommodations

Many families choose to stay close to camp. Camp Chosŏn has secured preferred rates at local hotels. Please see our website for more information.

VENUE INFORMATION

Beginning in 2020, Camp Chosŏn will be held at the Association Retreat Center in Osceola, Wisconsin. Our new venue offers many new opportunities, including modern dining and restroom facilities, indoor sleeping quarters for campers, and a children's playground, sports court, swimming lake, and water slide!

Traditional favorites are here, too – the natural setting, gaga ball pit, and archery field.

SWIMMING



WATER SLIDE



SPORTS COURT

MODERN FACILITIES



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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Forms

Registration forms are located under the *Registration* tab at www.CampChoson.org/registration. Electronic registration is encouraged; however, printable mail-in forms are available.

Registration Dates

For planning purposes, registration forms should be post-marked by April 15th. After June 1st, registration cannot be guaranteed.

Registration Fees

The St. Croix Valley Korean-American Cultural Society, Inc. strives to keep Camp Chosŏn affordable. Each registration fee includes one Camp Chosŏn t-shirt, meals appropriate for stay, educational materials, Korean instruction, activities, and the use of the camp venue and staff. Those who register *before* April 15th will receive the *Early Bird* rate.

- \$295 – Day Camp (*entering* grades K-6 in fall 2020)
- \$315 – Day Camp with overnight option (*entering* grade 6 in fall 2020)
- \$515 – Resident Camp (*entering* grades 7-11 in fall 2020)

After April 15th, each registration fee increases by \$15. Families with two or more campers are permitted to pay fees in two installments. One-half of the fee must be paid at the time of registration, and the second half is due no later than May 31st. In fairness to all families, children will not be allowed at Camp without prior registration and payment.

New-Family and Refer-a-Family Discounts – New in 2020!

Camp Chosŏn is pleased to extend a \$20 registration discount to new camp families – one discount per family!

In addition, when a returning camp family refers a new family who ultimately attends camp, the returning family will receive \$20 in Chosŏn Won for use in the Korean Market. New and referring family information will be collected at registration. Chosŏn Won will be distributed at camp during check-in.

Registration Confirmation

Within 10 days of submitting a registration form, camp families will be notified by e-mail from registrar@CampChoson.org. Please check your Spam folder for misdirected e-mail. If you do not receive timely confirmation, contact the Registrar by e-mail at registrar@CampChoson.org or by phone at 505-500-8528.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Inquiries should be directed to treasurer@CampChoson.org. All requests are kept confidential and are subject to approval by the Treasurer and Board President.

Contributions/Donations

Camp Chosŏn is a not-for-profit organization. Camp is sponsored by and largely run by parent volunteers. If you, or someone you know (e.g., grandparents, philanthropic organizations, business associates) would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to Camp Chosŏn, please make a check payable to St. Croix Valley Korean-American Cultural Society, Inc. (SCVKACS),

which is the Camp's legal 501c-3 name. All donations, even gifts-in-kind, are tax deductible in accordance with law and are greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Fundraising Committee chairperson, Erik Kvalseth, at Kvalseth@gmail.com.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

To cancel your registration, notify the Registrar in writing. Cancellation is effective on the postmark date on your correspondence. The Treasurer will issue refunds within 30 days according to the following prorated schedule:

Prior to May 31, 2020, 100% refund
May 31 – June 7, 2020, 75% refund
June 8 – June 14, 2020, 50% refund
June 15 – 21, 2020, 25% refund
After June 21, 2020, no refund

Volunteering

Camp Chosŏn is fun for adults, too! Volunteering is an excellent way for adult family members, including siblings, parents, and grandparents, to experience Camp Chosŏn, share stories, and show commitment to Korean heritage. Each year, more than 100 volunteer positions must be filled. Many positions require only an hour or two of time. Even though registration fees pay for the camp venue, staff, instructors, Resident Camp counselors, insurance, and other costs (e.g., curriculum materials), Camp Chosŏn is run entirely by volunteer parents, grandparents, alumni, and Korean-American community members.

To ensure the safety of Campers, all volunteers must undergo an ANNUAL background check. After you sign-up for volunteer position(s), take 5 minutes to complete your Background Check Authorization Form and Participation Waiver. Forms are located on the camp website – www.CampChoson.org – under the *Registration* tab. Join us!