

## **An Overview of MSTERIO International Summer Camp**

MSTERIO was launched in 2001 to provide children from 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade with a truly international summer camp experience.

Through play, the children will make new discoveries every day in a safe environment surrounded by trees and nature. During their stay, Japanese will be spoken on a daily basis and incorporated into everyday life. In the morning they will play sports such as tennis, dance, soccer and baseball. The afternoon will be spent exploring their creativity through activities such as art & craft, acting, music and creative calligraphy. Children are free to choose the activity that most appeals to them.

Additionally, the children will participate in programs and group work that address both traditional Japanese and foreign international cultures. The Counselors (college students) and Activity Directors who will be leading these activities are all experienced educators from all over the world who have watched children break out of their shells.

During the 8 days the children will naturally start to realize their own self through communicating with others. Through experiences that cannot be found in school or in their everyday lives, we hope the children will learn to like themselves even more, believe in themselves even further, and learn to stand on their own two feet through their various discoveries at MSTERIO. Our proud camp motto is “Make a Difference”; make a difference by acting positively according to our own thoughts and intuitions.

At MSTERIO, we also take the safety of the children very seriously. There will be 1 Counselor to every 6-8 campers, allowing us to give every child the attention that they deserve. The Counselors and staff range from college students to 80 year olds all with very diverse experiences and backgrounds. Every member of the staff is committed and dedicated to attend to the wellbeing of each camper both physically and emotionally.

*For further information, please visit the MSTERIO website at [www.MSTERIO.com](http://www.MSTERIO.com)*

### **2015 MSTERIO International Summer Camp Participation Details**

- Dates: Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday August 1st, 2015 (8 days and 7 nights)
- Location: “Saru-sho”, 1744 Aimata Mnakami-machi, Tone-gun, Gunma-Pref. 379-1404  
<http://www.sarusho.com>  
Phone: 0728-25-3349 Fax: 0728-25-3449
- Drop-off /Pick-up : TBC
- Eligible Ages: 1<sup>st</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- Capacity: Approximately 20 children living abroad (the total number of campers including those who live in Japan will be around 50)

- How to apply: Please click the link below and fill out the application form by **the end of March, 2015** on your local calendar date. To apply, [CLICK HERE](#)
- Decisions: If the number of applicants exceeds our capacity, participants will be placed in a raffle and chosen at random. Whether or not there will be a raffle, the decisions will be announced and communicated to you by the **first week of April**.
- Fees:
 

1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade:	165,000 yen
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	155,000 yen
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade:	145,000 yen

This price covers campsite fees, boarding, transportation, food, activity materials, group insurance, and all other expenses that will be spent between drop-off & pick-up.

- Payment: If you have a bank account in Japan, please transfer the fee. If you don't, please send a check in USD to our US account.
- Other:
  - ❖ We will be prioritizing applicants who can participate all days of the camp.
  - ❖ If you are living abroad and are still unsure whether to apply, you will still have the option to apply later with applicants living in Japan. If you choose to do so, the application period will start in early April and end at the end of May. The raffle for this period is tentatively scheduled to happen sometime in late May.
  - ❖ There will be no cancellation fees occurring before the end of May. Please note that cancellations after May can result in differing cancellation fees and there will be a non-refundable deposit fee of 30,000 yen.
  - ❖ The camp will be conducted bilingually in English and Japanese. So even campers who can only speak one of the two languages are encouraged to apply.
  - ❖ Once accepted into the program, we will be sending you necessary documents that will need to be filled out and sent back to MSTERIO. These documents include but not limited to Health Certification Forms, Medical Certificates, Information concerning medication, Disclaimers and acknowledgment forms and MSTERIO merchandise order forms.
  - ❖ All participants will be automatically enrolled in a domestic short-term travel insurance package.

Inquiries / お問い合わせ先: