

The 20th International Volunteer Work Camp in ASO

Application Guidelines & Schedule

This event positions "international" and "volunteer" as key concepts in 21st-century education. It encourages high school students to take an interest in the various issues occurring both around them and in the world, to think about what they can do to help solve these problems, and to connect their thoughts to everyday actions. Since 2006, the camp has been held with the aim of fostering the "zest for life" in young people by having high school students form an executive committee to plan and run the camp themselves.

During the camp, high school students and international students discuss global issues by taking part in workshops divided thematically, which have been prepared under the guidance of special advisors and alumni of the previous camp editions, while also having an opportunity to learn from the local entrepreneurs and NPOs, which makes the camp a large scale event joined by 150 people in total.

In 2012, Japan Volunteer Learning Society has awarded the camp the Alec Dickson Award, an honor given for outstanding social learning practices. Over the years the camp has developed tremendously and today it is affectionately known by many as "Vola-can" (short for "Volunteer Camp").

Marking its 20th anniversary, the theme of this year's event is "Make the First Step!! ~Circle of Opportunities That Spark Your Future~" We hope that through taking action and interacting with fellow participants the camp will provide new developments toward a brighter future!

Notes

1. Name: The 20th International Volunteer Work Camp in ASO

"Make the First Step!! ~Circle of Opportunities That Spark Your Future~"

2. Date: August 15th (Fri.) 2025 ~ August 17th (Sun.) 2025 (2 nights 3 days)

3. Place: National Aso Youth Friendship Center

(Address) 6029-1 Miyaji Ichinomiya machi, Aso shi

4. Number of participants: 120 people (100 high school students, 20 international students)

5. Participation fee: High school students 7,000 yen / International students 2,000 yen

(including 7 meals, bus fare, accommodation and insurance fee)

6. Organizer: International Volunteer Work Camp Executive Committee

(consists of high school students)

7. Secretariat: Kumamoto International Foundation

«Applications & Inquiries»

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The 20th International Volunteer Work Camp in ASO (Tentative Schedule)

Date	Time	Content
8/15 (Fri.)	9:30 10:00 around noon afternoon evening 22:00	● <u>meeting time&place: Kumamoto City International Center</u> ・departure from KCIC (chartered bus) ・arrival at National Aso Youth Friendship Center, orientation (lunch) *meals from this lunch to the lunch on the last day included in price ・kick off, keynote speech Subcommittee workshops① (dinner), integration ・bath time, bed time
8/16 (Sat.)	morning 9:00 around noon afternoon evening 22:00	・getting up, making the bed (breakfast) ・Subcommittee workshops② (lunch) ・Subcommittee workshops③ (wrap-up) ・Mirai Shokudo ~Let's listen to entrepreneurs & people from NPO's who play active roles in our community~ ・bath time, bed time
8/17 (Sun.)	morning 9:00 Around noon afternoon evening	・getting up, making the bed (breakfast) ・presentations of each subcommittees ・closing ceremony (lunch) ・20th anniversary special event (movie screening) ・departure (chartered bus), sightseeing in Aso ● <u>arrival at KCIC, break-up</u>

□ Application Guidelines

- Application period: Thu, June 5th ~ until the capacity is reached※ (first come first served basis)
- How to apply: by filling out a dedicated web form or by submitting an application form
 *Please scan the code to download the form and other documents📄
- Where to submit the application form:

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