

2025 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp

We invite overseas Korean teens and young adults to visit their proud homeland of Korea. The 2025 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp offers the chance to experience Korea's history, culture, society, and economy. We encourage many to take part in this program, where participants can strengthen their Korean identity and pride.

1. Overview

A. Purpose

- Invite next-generation overseas Koreans to Korea and provide hands-on experiences in history, culture, society, and the economy to foster a stronger sense of Korean identity and pride
- Strengthen the bonds among next-generation overseas Koreans and between them and domestic Korean youth, contributing to future-oriented mutual development
- Support the growth of overseas Koreans into global leaders with a strong sense of Korean identity

B. Eligibility

- Teens Camp Overseas Korean teens aged 15 to 18 (as of Jun. 16, 2025)
- Youth Camp Overseas Korean teens aged 18 to 25 (as of Jul. 8, 2025)

C. Period and Number of Participants

- Teens Camp (1st – 6th Sessions)

Category		Period	Participants	
			Overseas Koreans	Domestic Korean Residents
Teens Ages 15-18	1st	Jun. 16–22, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95
	2nd	Jun. 23–29, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95
	3rd	Jul. 7–13, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95
	4th	Jul. 14–20, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95
	5th	Jul. 21–27, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95
	6th	Aug. 11–17, 2025 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	270	95

○ Youth Camp (1st – 3rd Sessions)

Category		Period	Participants	
			Overseas Koreans	Domestic Korean Residents
Youth Ages 18-25	1st	Jul. 8–14, 2025 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	270	95
	2nd	Jul. 22–28, 2025 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	270	95
	3rd	Aug. 5–11, 2025 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	270	95

- ※ Each person can participate in one session only.
- ※ Participants are required to provide their preferred session (1st and 2nd choice). Note that you may be assigned to a nonpreferred session depending on the circumstances.
- ※ Domestic participants will be selected separately.
- ※ In addition to the programs running from June to August 2025, smaller-scale programs are being considered for September to December 2025. Details will be announced between April and May.

D. Location

- Seoul and the metropolitan area: 3 or 4 nights
- Other regions: 2 or 3 nights

E. Main Programs

- Opening and closing ceremonies; hands-on experiences in Korean history, culture, society, and economy; programs to strengthen overseas Koreans' identity (lectures, activities, performances); team-building and recreational programs, etc.
- ※ Refer to the main program plan for details.

2. Application

A. Application Period

- From the date of announcement until Mon, Apr. 21, 2025
- ※ Application closes on Apr. 21 (Mon) at 23:59 (KST)

B. Eligibility & Preferred Applicants

- Eligibility
 - Age Requirements
 - (Teens Camp 1st – 6th sessions): Overseas Korean teens aged 15 to 18 (as of Jun. 16, 2025)
 - (Youth Camp 1st – 3rd sessions): Overseas Korean youth aged 18 to 25 (as of Jul. 8, 2025)
 - ※ Those aged 18 may apply for either the Teens Camp or Youth Camp (but not both)
 - Residency Requirement: Overseas Korean who have legally resided abroad for five years or more
 - Overseas Koreans of foreign nationality, overseas Koreans with permanent residency, overseas Korean nationals, adoptees, children of adoptees, and children from multicultural families
 - Must be in good physical and mental health and able to fully participate in the program

- **Preferred Applicants**

- Applicants with outstanding personal statements (background, migration history, reason for applying, etc.)
- Descendants of persons of distinguished services toward independence or to the Republic of Korea
- Those who have completed a significant amount of service in the overseas Korean community or their local area

C. Application Method & Required Documents

- Application method: Applicants can visit www.korean.net to create an account and submit an application
 - ※ Applicants must submit using their own account (using a parent or guardian's account is not permitted)
- Required Documents
 - Fill out the **required fields** in the online application form (Korean or English)
 - ① Application and personal data provision and use consent form
 - ② Personal statement (English or Korean)
 - **Optional documents** (upload via the website)
 - ① Recommendation letters (e.g., school principal, Korean language school principal, counselor, etc.)
 - ② Supporting documentation for descendants of independence activists or persons of national merit
- Notes
 - Applications must be submitted online via www.korean.net using the applicant's own account. Other submission methods will not be accepted. (Parents, teachers, or others cannot apply on behalf of the participant).
 - All documents should be uploaded to www.korean.net.
 - E-mail, phone number, social media ID, emergency contact, and contact information in Korea must be accurate.
 - ※ Enter a frequently used e-mail address, as most announcements will be sent via e-mail
 - Any disadvantages due to missing documents or incorrect information are the applicant's responsibility. **Your application may be canceled if any false information is discovered in the submitted documents.**

3. Selection Procedure & Standards

A. Selection Procedure

Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center	Applicants	Jurisdictional Diplomatic Office
Recruitment notice	Application submission	Applicant recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Net website Overseas Koreans Agency website Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center website Next-Generation Overseas Koreans Homecoming Camp Tistory Blog All overseas Korean diplomatic offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit www.korean.net Sign up or log in (ID and password) Select program and apply Upload the application and required documents Select your designated diplomatic office Confirm your application number Confirm registration results via e-mail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection of applications Confirmation of application and required documents Selection of recommended applicants Official letter sent to selected participants in order of priority
Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center	Applicants	Operating Agency
Selection and notification of participants	Confirmation of selection results	Notification of program details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final selection of applicants Notification of results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Net website Overseas Korean diplomatic offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit www.korean.net Log in (ID and password) Enter application number Check results You can check the results through the jurisdictional diplomatic office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of participants' entry and departure schedules and event participation

B. Selection Standards

- Applicants who have submitted all required documents will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - Relevance of the personal statement (background, migration history, reason for applying, etc.) to the program purpose
 - Community and service records in support of the Korean community or country of residence (for reference)
 - Recommendation from the jurisdictional diplomatic office (for reference)
- Disqualifying Criteria
 - Those receiving treatment for medical conditions with neuropsychiatric episodes and who may experience shock, seizures, or other abnormal behavior during the program
 - Those who require special attention due to severe allergies to certain foods that may cause seizures or shock
 - Those deemed unsuitable based on the program's objectives during the selection process

4. Support for Participants

Participants will receive support for airfare (economy class) based on a fixed amount by region, accommodation and meals during the program, program participation fees (including transportation costs), and individual travel insurance

- Airfare subsidy standards
 - **Reimbursement: Airfare subsidies will be transferred to a Korean bank account after all program sessions have concluded, with payments expected to be made sequentially by the end of September 2025.**

- **Fixed airfare support for round-trip economy class tickets based on region for program participation**

* Fixed amount provided per region (based on place of residence), regardless of ticket price

* Round-trip ticket from country of residence must be submitted for program participation (no restrictions on stay duration in Korea)

* **Fixed airfare support per region:**

Region	Airfare Subsidy (KRW)	Region	Airfare Subsidy (KRW)
Asia	Region A: 250,000	Africa	1,000,000
	Region B: 300,000	Middle East	800,000
	Region C: 500,000		
Russia	600,000	North America	1,400,000
CIS	500,000		
Oceania	700,000	Latin America	1,500,000
Europe	900,000		

* Asia Region A: East Asia (China, Japan)

Asia Region B: Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, etc.)

Asia Region C: Southwest Asia (India, Pakistan, etc.)

- o All expenses related to accommodation, meals, activity fees, transportation, and travel insurance during the program will be fully covered

* **Participants bear no additional costs except for personal expenses**

5. Selection Results & Inquiries

- o Checking selection results

※ Final participants will receive detailed guidance regarding program participation

- **Check results via www.korean.net after Fri, May 2, 2025**

- o Inquiries (Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center)

- **2025 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp (Teens Camp 1st – 6th sessions)**

Teens Camp Inquiries
teenscamp@okocc.or.kr

- **2025 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp (Youth Camp 1st – 3rd sessions)**

Youth Camp Inquiries
youthcamp@okocc.or.kr

- Korean.net application system

* **For inquiries regarding the application system or Korean.net membership registration**

System Inquiries
pms01@okocc.or.kr

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※ Detailed schedules and programs for each session to be finalized later

- **(Program Direction)** Focused on strengthening Korean identity and deepening ties with Korea

- Visits to cultural heritage sites and historical landmarks to improve understanding of Korean history and culture
- Tours of Korea's advanced industries and eco-friendly innovation industries
- Regional excursions showcasing local history, culture, and society
- Opportunities for networking among next-generation overseas Koreans
- Programs fostering connections between overseas Korean youth and domestic Korean youth

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Official Program Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Opening and closing ceremonies, welcome and farewell banquets																													
Experiential Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hands-on tours to explore Korean history and culture○ Visits to leading industries showcasing Korea’s advanced science, technology, and eco-friendly innovations○ Themed city programs reflecting the unique characteristics of each region <p>(Example) Seoul & Metropolitan Area</p> <table><tr><th>Theme</th><th>Activities</th></tr><tr><td>Korean Economy, Science, and Industry</td><td>Gwacheon National Science Museum, Samsung D'light, Hyundai Motor Studio Goyang, 4D Movie Experience, N Seoul Tower, Lotte World Tower, DDP (Dongdaemun Design Plaza), Digital Media Art, Pocheon Amazing Park, etc.</td></tr><tr><td>Korean History & Culture</td><td>National Museum of Korea, Gyeongbokgung Palace, National Museum of Korean History, War Memorial of Korea, National Hangeul Museum, Seoul National Cemetery, National Gugak Center, Namsangol Hanok Village, Bukchon Traditional Crafts Center, Jongmyo Shrine, Seodaemun Prison History Hall, Yongsan Art & 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Category	Details	
	of Peace	
	Gwangju	City of Light, Birthplace of Korean Traditional Music, Democracy Movement Asia Culture Center, Damyang Juknokwon Bamboo Garden, Damyang Meta Province, Inspired by Han Kang's novel "The Boy is Coming", Jindo National Gugak Center, Jeonju Hanok Village
	Busan	Korea's Second Capital, A Hub of Marine Science & Shipbuilding Haeundae Beach, Gukje Market, Korea National Maritime Museum, Pusan Newport Company, Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) Square, Nakdong Estuary Eco-Center, National Memorial Museum of Forced Mobilization under Japanese Occupation
	Jeju	20th Anniversary of the Island of World Peace, UNESCO World Heritage Island Inspired by Han Kang's novel "I Do Not Bid Farewell", International Peace Center Jeju, Geomunoreum, Manjanggul
Basic Education Program	Pre-Program Participant Guidelines	
	Structure	Activities
	Orientation	Introduction to the program's purpose and objectives, full schedule overview, training on participant conduct and rules
	Safety Education	Safety training for daily life during the program, emergency response procedures
	Gender Awareness Training	Identifying gender biases in daily interactions, understanding and respecting diversity
Intercultural Exchange Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthening communication and teamwork among participants ○ Networking opportunities by continent or country 	
	Structure	Activities
	Icebreaking	Professional MC-led activities to foster bonding and teamwork
	Mini Olympics	Networking through physical activities (e.g., three-legged race, jegichagi)
	Talent Show	Participants showcase personal hobbies and talents, with awards given
	Hanbok Festival (Activity)	Hands-on experience wearing traditional Korean hanbok, followed by a team runway event
Lectures & Discussions (Interactive Format)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding Korea ○ Pre-visit education on program sites ○ Strengthening Korean identity and ties with the homeland ○ Discussions and presentations to develop global leadership 	
	Structure	Details
	Discussions, Presentations, Talk Concert	Improving understanding of different countries
	Quiz, Golden Bell Challenge	Quizzes related to the history and landmarks of program locations

※ The above program is an example, reflecting past programs and preferred schedules of international participants. Due to the short program duration, only selected activities will be conducted

- (Session Operation Plan) Each session will be divided into three medium-sized groups

- Two basic teams for first-time participants, one advanced team for returning participants

※ Team composition may change depending on the number of selected participants per session

E.g., 1 team for new participants, 2 teams for returning participants, etc.

- Programs will be tailored to each team's participant composition for a differentiated learning experience.