



YMCA Camp Collins-International Initiative Call for Volunteer Home-Stay Families

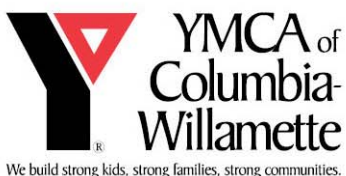
Each summer YMCA Camp Collins proudly partners with the Saitama YMCA in Japan to offer a dynamic, cultural opportunity for youth. In August, Japanese children ranging in ages from 8 to 13 journey across the Pacific to Oregon and participate in a week of resident camp at YMCA Camp Collins, just outside Gresham. During this week, campers are placed in cabins with American campers and enjoy traditional American camping activities like archery, arts and crafts, tubing, horseback riding, rock climbing and more.

The week following resident camp, the group spends time exploring Oregon through recreational, educational and tourist-focused excursions. YMCA Camp Collins is striving to improve this already rich experience and to meet Saitama YMCA's program goals with the addition of home-stays in the Portland community. **YMCA Camp Collins is in search of home-stay families for campers from Japan for the week of August 8th-14th, 2009.** Home-stay families will begin hosting campers the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 8th. YMCA Camp Collins will be organizing activities for Japanese campers and children of host families to participate in during the day, Monday through Thursday. Japanese campers will travel home with home-stay families each evening. Home-stay families can host 1-3 campers depending on camper's age and families' ability.

Interested families must fill out a Volunteer Application and will be required to attend an orientation prior to the home-stay week. Applications will be reviewed on a first come basis. Completed applications can be mailed to:

YMCA Camp Collins
Attn: Sarah LaPointe
3001 SE Oxbow Parkway
Gresham, OR 97080

For more information, feel free to contact Sarah LaPointe, YMCA Camp Collins Group Services Director, at slapointe@ymca-portland.org. We look forward to you joining us in this international initiative aimed at bringing the world closer together through supportive communities.



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