

Hippo Family Club presents

The 8th Asian Multilingual Nature Camp & Homestay in Thailand

&

The 10th Asian Multilingual Youth Camp & Homestay in Shanghai

Let's enjoy outdoor activities in a multilingual environment with youth from all over the world!

August 2017



Making Bamboo Raft (Shanghai, 2013)



Making Bamboo Pyramid (Thailand, 2016)

<< Program Background and Purpose >>

The LEX Institute / Hippo Family Club* has been organizing the “Asian Multilingual Youth Camp & Homestay” in Shanghai, China annually since 2008 and the “Asian Multilingual Nature Camp & Homestay” in Malaysia and Thailand annually since 2010. Both Camps in China and Thailand are scheduled to be held in August 2017. Youth from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, and other countries all over the world will gather to participate in these programs.

These youth exchange programs are part of the multilingual activities organized by the LEX Institute / Hippo Family Club. These programs are intended to encourage youth from Japan and other countries to have firsthand experiences of camping in nature with foreign friends, as well as experience the local lifestyle, languages, and culture which cannot be experienced in ordinary sightseeing tours. Working together, youth from all over the world can gain a broader world view, learn to recognize the similarities between each other, and develop new friendships. We hope that participants in these programs will make strong bonds and friendships with their camp mates as though they were real brothers and sisters. We also hope that this can be the beginning of a long-lasting exchange among Asian countries. Each Asian country is unique, and it is our hope for everyone to respect these differences and to acknowledge each country's worth.

*** About the Organizer (LEX Institute / Hippo Family Club)**

The Institute for Language Experience, Experiment & Exchange (LEX Institute) is a private non-profit organization founded in October 1981 under the theme “Languages and Humans” with the goal of researching languages and humans from the point of view of natural science through natural

acquisition of languages and international exchange activities. The LEX Institute organizes "Hippo Family Club," where families and individuals of all ages enjoy immersion-style multilingual language learning activities. Hippo Family Club members create an environment where they enjoy the sounds of many languages through Hippo's original multilingual CDs. An essential element of this multilingual environment is incorporating members of all ages, as well as members from around the world. The Hippo Transnational Homestay Program allows members to spend time in the homes of families in numerous countries, as well as to welcome foreign guests in their own homes in Japan.

<< Participants and Program Itinerary (Tentative) >>

* For university students (18 years old and older) and adults, it is also possible to participate in both programs.

1. Asian Multilingual Nature Camp & Homestay in Thailand

(1) Participants

- 60 Secondary School Students (12-17 years old) from Japan, Thailand, and other countries
- 10 University Students (18 years old and over) from Japan, Thailand, and other countries
- A few adults from Japan, Thailand, and other countries

(2) Program Itinerary (Tentative)

From Thursday, August 10, 2017 to Saturday, August 19, 2017 (10 days and 9 nights)

- August 10 Evening: Arrival Orientation in Bangkok
(Please arrive in Bangkok by the afternoon of August 10.)
- August 11 Interaction with local students at secondary school in Bangkok
- August 11-13 **Homestay** in Bangkok (3 days and 2 nights)
- August 13 Afternoon: Move to Wangree Resort, Nakhon Nayok
- August 13-19 **Asian Multilingual Nature Camp** (7 days and 6 nights)
- August 19 Afternoon: Return to Bangkok
(Please depart from Bangkok after the evening of August 19.)

2. Asian Multilingual Youth Camp & Homestay in Shanghai

(1) Participants

- 60 Secondary School and University Students (12 years old and over) from Japan, China, and other countries
- A few adults from Japan, China, and other countries

(2) Program Itinerary (Tentative)

From Friday, August 18, 2017 to Saturday, August 26, 2017 (9 days and 8 nights)

- August 18 Afternoon: Arrival Orientation in Shanghai
(Please arrive in Shanghai by the afternoon of August 18.)

- August 18-21 **Homestay** in Shanghai (4 days and 3 nights)
August 21 Morning: Move to Taihu Great Learning Center, Jiangsu Province
August 21-25 **Asian Multilingual Youth Camp** (5 days and 4 nights)
August 25 Afternoon: Move to Shanghai
Evening: Sharing of Experiences in Shanghai
August 26 Morning: End of the Program
(Please depart from Shanghai after August 26.)

<< Activities >>

1. Asian Multilingual Nature/Youth Camp

** Below are ideas of possible activities. We value your input! Your ideas and suggestions will make the program more enjoyable!*

- Multilingual activities by Hippo Family Club (Activities using the multilingual song/story CDs of Hippo Family Club)
- Nature experiences instructed by Mr. Yoshihi Futana, TV Champion (Deserted Island Champion) and Principal of Chikyu-Yagai-Juku (Outdoor Activity School) (Examples in the past: Making a Bamboo Pyramid/Tree House, Campfire, etc.)
- Rafting and other nature experiences (*Nature Camp in Thailand*)
- Chinese culture experiences instructed by Taihu Great Learning Center (*Youth Camp in Shanghai*)
- Cultural experiences and group activities with participants from different countries

2. Homestay

- Experiencing the daily lives of the local host families by becoming a part of the family itself (Ideally, each host family will host one participant.)

<< Participation Fee >>

1. Asian Multilingual Nature Camp & Homestay in Thailand

- **US\$600**
(A different fee will be applied for youth from Japan, Korea, and Thailand.)

*** The participation fee includes the below expenses:**

- Roundtrip transportation between Bangkok and Wangree Resort, Nakornnayok
- August 10 One-night hotel stay, orientation and breakfast on the following morning
- August 11-13 Administration fee for homestay
- August 13-19 Camp expenses including meals & lodging

2. Asian Multilingual Youth Camp & Homestay in Shanghai

- **US\$1,000**
(A different fee will be applied for youth from China, Japan, and Korea.)

*** The participation fee includes the below expenses:**

- Roundtrip transportation between Shanghai and Taihu Great Learning Center
- August 18-21 Administration fee for homestay
- August 21-25 Camp expenses including meals & lodging
- August 25 One-night hotel stay, final meeting and breakfast on the following morning

*** For the both programs, the participation fee does not include the following expenses:**

- Airfare between participants' own country and Bangkok/Shanghai (including oil surcharge and airport taxes)
- Roundtrip transportation between Bangkok/Shanghai international airport and hotel
- Travel insurance (You must buy travel insurance before your departure.)
- Passport and visa application expenses
- Individual transportation, meals, and accommodations outside of the program timeline (before assembly and after departure)
- Food and drink during free time

*All participants must arrange their own flight schedule and expenses in their respective countries.

<< Application Procedures >>

1. Send an email inquiry to <shanghai-camp@lexhippo.gr.jp>. You will receive application materials by email.
2. Send the completed application form and a current photo of yourself in an email attachment.
3. After your application has been processed, you will receive an invoice for the total program fee, as well as payment information. You can choose to wire the money directly to the LEX/Hippo Family Club bank account in Japan, or make your payment at your country's designated payment center.
4. When your payment has been received, you will receive a receipt of payment and will then be officially accepted to the program. You will receive an email confirmation.
5. You will receive an itinerary and other detailed information (including meeting place and time, departure place and time, and orientation information) by email.
6. Reserve your plane ticket and email your flight information.
7. You must pay for your own travel insurance before your departure.

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