Guy Healy Japan Summer Camps

Guy Healy General Information

Each summer, Guy Healy, Japan - an education consulting and exchange agency based in Japan - invites over 120 American students to be American Counselors at summer English camps. The Counselors are both teachers and friends to the Japanese campers. The Guy Healy program pays for all counselors’ expenses (other than shopping, personal trips, etc.). In return, counselors work nine camp sessions throughout a two-month span.

Camps generally run for three days and are sometimes back-to-back. Counselors are split into teams and sent to different locations, such as Nagasaki, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kita Kyushu and Kumamoto. The three days are filled with activities that are both fun and educational.

While camp is in session, the team of counselors is focused on the students, as the campers are the number-one priority. On days off, counselors can travel or have personal relaxation time. Counselors also have the option to spend time with a Japanese host family, which provides an opportunity to experience even more Japanese culture.

Guy Healy, Japan, pays for airfare from the United States to specific locations in Japan, transportation costs within Japan, meals, and housing. This opportunity does not provide a salary and credits are not earned.

Guy Healy Summer Camp offers a chance to work with young people, provides a personal learning experience, and creates an opportunity to learn about another culture.

Guy Healy Counselor Description/Criteria

- Enjoys working with kids
- Speaks fluent English
- Is open to experiencing another culture
- Works well with others
- Can handle long days and waking up early
- Is aware of other people’s feelings
- Is spontaneous and outgoing
- Fulfills responsibilities during teaching portions of camp
- Is open to having the best summer of the counselor’s life!
Guy Healy Application & Group Interview Process

WITC sponsors three students each year for the Guy Healy summer program. In addition to the application, the selection process requires candidates to participate in a group interview. This interview will occur in mid-February (you will be notified of the specifics as we get closer to the date). The program will include further details about the Guy Healy program, questions from applicants, and several group activities.

The group interview is a way for the selection committee to get to know you on a more personal level. You will be asked to participate in activities that will expose you to the type of situations counselors encounter in Japan. Applicants to the Guy Healy program will be notified of acceptance/denial within a few weeks of the interview.

Guy Healy Considerations

Special considerations about the Guy Healy program:

- WITC can send only three students. Simply signing up does not guarantee a spot in the program; you must go through a selection process.

- You may not get the dates you request. Sample dates from previous years:
  * Depart USA: July 2; Return USA: August 11
  * Depart USA: July 16; Return USA: August 28
  * Depart USA: July 8; Return USA: August 28
  * Depart USA: June 29; Return USA: August 13

- The program length makes it difficult to have a summer job back in the United States. Participating in the Guy Healy program IS like having a job, except you are not paid.

- Applicants will be notified of acceptance/denial by March.

- Accepted participants won't know specific dates of travel until May/June.

- Japan is a very different culture from America. The food is seafood based; public baths are used, etc. Do some research so you know what to expect.

- Camps can be challenging; the students are just learning English and you don't speak Japanese.

- Limited opportunities for electronic connections (phone/Internet) are available in the camps.