# Japanese House and Garden Summer Camp 2017 General Information Sheet



#### **About Shofuso**

The Japanese House and Garden is run by a nonprofit organization called Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia. JASGP offers many educational programs throughout the year including outreach programs to schools, children's festivals and more. The summer camp is an important program that helps to fulfill our mission of offering cultural activities about Japan and Japanese culture. Children, ages 7 to 12, learn about Japanese arts and culture through hands-on activities in the special environment of the Japanese House and

Garden. The Japanese House and Garden, also known by its Japanese name Shofuso, is a replica of a 17th century upper-class residential house. The house, presented by the people of Japan in 1954 to the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, was moved to its current location in West Fairmount Park in 1958. In May 2007, 20 murals painted by renowned Japanese artist Hiroshi Senju were installed in the house. These murals are permanently on view and make the Japanese House the only one in the United States with such an art installation.

### **Important Date and Times**

# Camp Hours

Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Children may be dropped off and picked up at the front gate of the House. Parents will be required to sign in their children into camp in the morning and out in the afternoon using a sign-in sheet.

# Camp Dates

Monsters, Myth and Heroes of Japan July 10 – July 14

The Wonderful World of Stuio Gihbli July 17 – July 21

Cats and Monkeys and Rabbits, Oh My! July 24 – July 28

Build It, Plant It July 31 – August 4

# New camp policies 2017

#### ◆ Late Drop Off Fee

Camper pick up time is between 3:00pm and 3:15pm at Shofuso. A late pick-up fee will be charged after this time. From 3:16-4:01 pm, a \$45 charge will be applied. From 4:01 to 4:30, the charge will be \$135.

If you are going to miss pick-up time, please call Nicole Schaller at 215-806-6135 (cell)

#### Tuition Fee Refunds

Full refunds for camp tuition will be given up until 10 days before your child is scheduled to begin camp. A fifty percent refund will be given 7 days before the camp week begins. There are no refunds after a camp week has begun. However, tuition can be applied to other camp weeks if a spot is available.

Games and Toys of Japan August 7 – August 11

### **Camper Quick Checklist**

- ⇒ A bag lunch and a drink
- ⇒ Bottled Water
- ⇒ Sunscreen
- $\Rightarrow$  Hat
- ⇒ Bug repellant
- ⇒ Shoes and socks

#### **Campers Should Bring:**

Children should dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor play. That includes wearing sunscreen and hats as well as bug repellant. The campers will be outside and in the 17th century Japanese house, and there is no air conditioning. Campers should wear sturdy shoes and a pair of clean socks. In keeping with Japanese custom, everyone must remove their shoes before entering the House and leave the shoes at the entrance. However, shoes must be worn in the garden.

Campers can bring phones and electronic games for lunch and free time. All devices must be stored during activities. If they are being used during workshops, camp staff will hold them in the office until the end of day.



## Mark Your Calendars: Weekly Camper Family Celebrations

Each camp week will culminate with a camper-led program for family and friends. These programs will highlight the events and activities that our campers have participated in during the week. Camper celebrations start each Friday at 2:00pm at Shofuso. Light refreshments made by the campers will be served.

Family Celebrations: July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11

# **Directions to Japanese House:**

The Japanese House and Garden is located on the grounds of the Horticulture Center, in West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, near the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Montgomery Drive.

By automobile, take the Montgomery Drive exit from I-76 (the Schuylkill Expressway), turn left on Montgomery and take the first left; pass through the gate and follow Horticultural Drive around the greenhouses to the Japanese House. Park behind the Japanese House complex.

By public transportation, take SEPTA bus 38 or the Philly PHLASH to the Please Touch Museum. The Japanese House is a five minute walk behind Memorial Hall, left on Lansdowne Drive, and through the iron gates.

#### **Contact Information**

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#### **Summer camp location:**

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# **Shofuso and Surrounding Area**

