



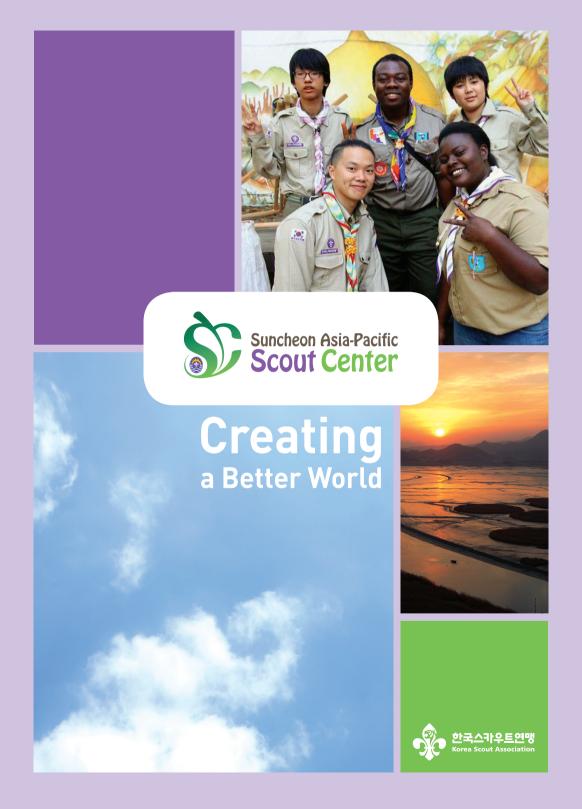
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SAPSC is a unique center that is providing an important service. We teach kids, we improve their knowledge, we give them a reason to grow up with a passion for travelling and discovering new cultures, we help them improve on their English and we have fun with them so that they leave the center with great memories.

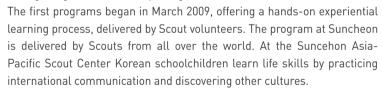
Hope, SAPSC volunteer





+ Background

On the 16th December 2008, the Korea Scout Association (KSA) and the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Region (APR) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Korea's ecological capital, Suncheon City, to manage the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center (SAPSC), a place where young people can improve their global leadership potential by discovering new cultures through English, and learn by doing.



For the international volunteers that make Suncheon so special, the experience offers an opportunity to learn about the heritage and culture of Korea. When volunteers leave Suncheon they have a broadened horizon, with new friends from other countries.







+ Why we need volunteers

Our volunteers are the highlight of the center. Korea is a largely homogeneous country, and especially for children who grow up outside of the city, an encounter with a Scout volunteer at SAPSC might be the first time they ever meet a non-Korean.

Volunteers design their own programs about their countries and cultures to fit into the camp timetable. This means that we rely on their imagination, and skills working with young people to make the center program.

Each term SAPSC selects up to 5 international volunteers from different countries. One term lasts 3 months and volunteers may only stay for one term.

+ Who runs SAPSC

SAPSC is run in partnership between the Asia Pacific Scout Region, Suncheon City, the Korea Scout Association, and the Jeollanam-do Scout Council. Therefore the center is an educational center as much as it is a Scouting center. Volunteers deliver the program using Scout principles and provide a service to the youth of Korea.

During their visit to SAPSC, the youth that visit learn about Scouting and what it can offer them – that's where you come in!

+ Volunteers so far

So far, Suncheon has been home to volunteers from 20 different countries.

 Bhutan, India, Hong Kong, Bolivia, Philippines, Mongolia, Maldives, Hungary, Nepal, Malaysia, Korea, Ghana, Egypt, Madagascar, USA, Uganda, Serbia, Pakistan, Kenya, Russia







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Volunteers' main role at SAPSC is to help run educational camps. These are two day camps where schoolchildren experience world cultures, in beautiful surroundings.

+ Participants

The majority of students who come to the center are in elementary or middle school. The size of groups varies from camp to camp.

+ Program (work hours)

Most weeks consist of long work hours during the week and two days off at weekends. The working day starts at 9am and can last until 8:30pm, with a long break at lunchtime.





+ Example camp

(1 night, 2 day program designed for elementary school students)

Day 1

• 09:30	I Students Arrive
• 09:30 ~ 09:50	I Opening Ceremony
• 09:50 ~ 10:20	I Orientation

• 12:00 ~ 13:30 | Lunch

• 19:00 ~ 20:30 International Games

Day 2

07:00 ~ 07:50 | I Wake Up etc07:50 ~ 08:30 | I Breakfast

• 11:10 ~ 11:30 | Closing Ceremony

• 11:30 ~ 12:00 | Lunch

• 12:00 | Students Depart













+ The role

Being a volunteer at the Suncheon Asia Pacific Scout Center is very special. You become an ambassador of your country and also act as an ambassador for Scouting, and the Center.

Most of the students who come to SAPSC are not scouts. At the center, they learn about other cultures, practice their English, and find out about Scouting by meeting you! Much of your workload will consist of teaching Korean schoolchildren about your culture and about Scouting, through presentations and activities that you will design.

Thanks to the program of camps and activities run at the Suncheon center, participation in Scouting in the region has increased. This is all thanks to our international volunteers. In turn we believe that you will learn a lot about Scouting, other cultures, and yourself, through your experiences here in Korea.

As part of an international team, volunteers learn to work with Scouts from other countries. It is important to make an effort to understand the customs of others; be adaptable; and lean how to compromise.





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+ What to prepare

When you are preparing to come to Suncheon there are many things you should consider. Your role will be to share your culture with a presentation and activities. You should bring with you: photos, flags, clothing or items from your country. It's also a good idea to consider how you can show your culture and Scouting to the visitors. Short and fun games, exercises and activities that use simple English are recommended. Make sure you check what the weather will be like in Korea during your stay. Also, remember that you will be acting as a teacher, so you should dress accordingly: jeans or hiking clothes are fine, scruffy or revealing clothing is not.

+ What we expect from volunteers

We expect volunteers to:

- Have very good English: you will teach in English at the center
- Maintain dignity as a teacher: dress code, behavior, language
- Teach by example and keep your Scouting spirit
- Assist in maintenance work at SAPSC
- Make an effort to understand cultural differences
- Attend all staff meetings

+ What we give our volunteers

- Accommodation and meals (a food allowance when the canteen is closed)
- A small allowance and partial support for flights (given in Korean WON)
- At least one day off per week (usually 2)
- · One staff field trip
- A reference letter (upon request) after completing your term
- Korean style bedding









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+ Facilities

The center has of a number of buildings: a hostel, the main building including the canteen, offices, and auditorium; a gymnasium; and a building with accommodation and classrooms. There is also camping space, an outdoor auditorium, a rain shelter and 'challenge valley', as well as beautiful mountain pathways.

Volunteers are provided with accommodation. Rooms are shared by two people.

Each one has a shower and there is a shared kitchen. Internet is provided on the office computers, and volunteers can connect their laptops.

+ Food

Food is served at the canteen when there are camps running. The food is Korean style: rice, soup and pork, chicken, or fish; with side dishes such as kimchi, tofu, and vegetables. The food is usually very spicy. When there is no camp running, volunteers cook for themselves in the small kitchen in the accommodation building; there is an allowance for buying ingredients.



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+ Field trip

Every term there is a field trip; all the volunteers go together to visit cultural sites in the local area.

+ Transportation

The Scout Center is quite far from Suncheon city center: there is a bus from the Center into the city twice a day, and you can take a taxi for around 12,000won (about \$10).

+ Environment

The area around the Center is incredibly beautiful with mountains all around. In spring cherry blossom trees flower and in the winter everything is covered with snow. You can enjoy exploring area in your free time. SAPSC is a place for young people so you will be expected to maintain the safe environment by not smoking outside of a designated area, and by speaking and behaving politely.



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Before starting your application, make sure that you understand the procedure, if one part
of your application is missing, we cannot process your application.



You must fill in all of the application form except for section 7 and include a recent photograph, the medical certificate signed and stamped by your doctor, and copies of certificates you have received. You should then send these papers to your National Scout Organization, who should complete section 7 of the form, and issue you with an 'International Letter of Introduction': the WOSM certified way of identifying you as a Scout. Your NSO should then send up a copy of your application by email and post all of the documents to us by mail. We must receive the original copy of the application in order to process your application.

+ Qualifications

It is important that you can speak English. Our program runs in English, and you will be teaching in English. Also, if you have any qualifications such as Scout Leader Training, undergraduate degree, or any qualifications you think are relevant, please include them in your application.



+ Application through NSO (originals to KSA)

You should send your application to your National Scout Organization and then they should email the application to us. Also, we must receive the original signed paper copy by post; this may be sent by you or your NSO.

+ Phone interview

Once we have all the applications for a term, we will call each applicant for a telephone interview. The interview will assess communication skills, enthusiasm and help us find out more about you.

+ Confirmation

Once we have completed the interviews the Selection Committee chooses the successful applicants. If you are selected, you will be notified by email.

+ Visa

If you have a passport that requires a visa to enter Korea, we will send you the relevant documents, so that you can apply for the visa at your local Korean Embassy or Consulate. You must pay for your visa.

*** Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the day you plan to enter Korea.

Coming to Korea as a volunteer; a tourist visa this is the most appropriate visa. Your visa will be valid for 90 days. Make sure that when you book your flights you stay within the visa period. You will not be allowed to stay in Korea for more than 90 days.

+ Insurance

You should organize travel insurance before your departure, for the duration of your stay in Korea.

+ Flight

When booking your flights, try to book flights that arrive in Korea at a reasonable time. SAPSC will contribute towards the cost of your flight. The amount is fixed, and volunteers must cover the rest of the cost of their flights. The sum will be issued after your arrival at SAPSC.

- --- Volunteers from the Asia Pacific Scout Region receive equivalent to \$400
- ---> Volunteers from other Scout regions receive equivalent to \$600

You must send full details of your flight, including copies of your tickets/booking confirmation to the Korea Scout Association as soon as you make the booking.

+ Arrival

When you arrive in Korea you will be met by someone from the Korea Scout Association at the airport. Korean arrivals immigration officers are strict, so make sure you travel with all the documents relating to your visa and your role at the center.

+ Orientation

After arriving in Korea you will visit the Korea Scout Association HQ for orientation. The orientation will introduce you to Korea and Korean Scouting. After orientation, you will take the bus to Suncheon, which takes about 4 hours. The SAPSC staff will meet you from the bus and take you to your new home.

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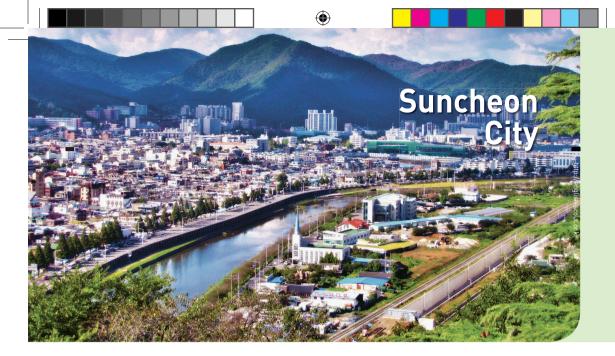
Korea is a seriously dynamic country, famous for its fusion of traditional customs and cutting edge technology. The modern history of Korea is a turbulent one, with colonialism, war, division, and economic growth all taking place within 100 years. The number of foreign nationals in Korea is increasing; however, they only make up 2% of the population.

There are always things to see and do, with convenience stores and many restaurants open all night in the city; and tourist sites, including temples and palaces; as well as mountains, rivers and forests.

Some facts about Korea

- Full name: The Republic of Korea
- Population: 48.9 million
- Capital: Seoul
- Area: 99,313 sq km (38,345 sq miles)
- \bullet Major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Catholicism
- Monetary unit: won (원)
- Electricity: 220 volts / Plug type C (2 parallel prongs)





Suncheon is Korea's ecological capital where mountains, sea, lakes, and beautiful people coexist. Suncheon is also home to the world's only coastal wetland with reeds and tidal flats, which are home to migratory birds. In 2013 Suncheon is hosting the ECO GEO Suncheon Bay Garden Expo. Suncheon is at the heart of culture, education, and transportation in Jeollanamdo Province. The city is home to around 250,000 people and is located just over an hour's drive from Gwangju – the provincial capital of Jeollanamdo. Forty minutes south of Suncheon is the port city of Yeosu, site of the 2012 World Expo, and twenty minutes to the east of Suncheon is Gwangyang, one of South Korea's industrial hubs.

Some of the cultural heritage sites around Suncheon include:

- Nagan Eupseong Folk Village
- Suncheon Drama Studio
- Songgwangsa Temple
- Suncheon Waesong Fortress

Some of the areas of natural beauty around Suncheon include:

- Suncheon Bay
- Juam Lake
- Green Tea Fields
- Mt. Jogyesan



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