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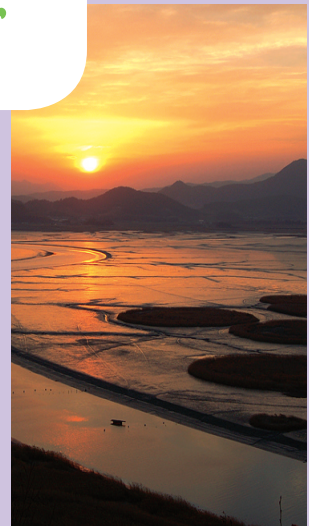
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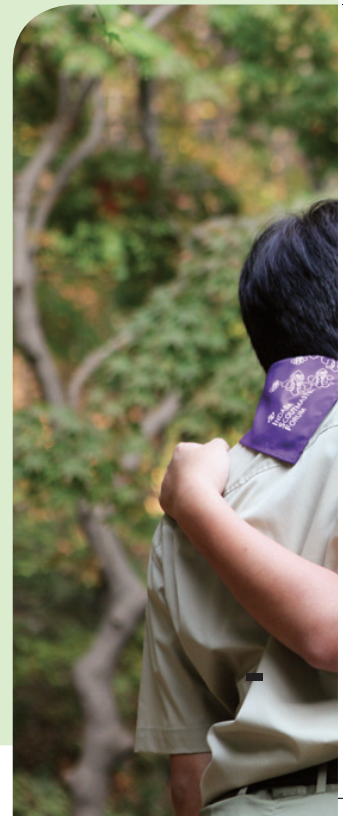


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## What is SAPSC?

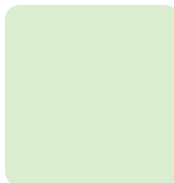
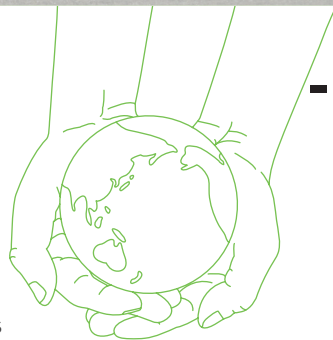


### + Background

On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

The first programs began in March 2009, offering a hands-on experiential learning process, delivered by Scout volunteers. The program at Suncheon is delivered by Scouts from all over the world. At the Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center Korean schoolchildren learn life skills by practicing international communication and discovering other cultures.

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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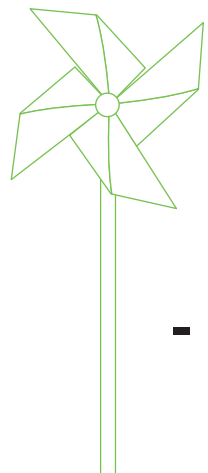
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A photograph of three Scout leaders in uniform standing outdoors. The leader on the left is a Black man, the middle one is a man with glasses, and the one on the right is a younger man with glasses. They are all wearing khaki uniforms with various patches and neckerchiefs. The text "The Role of the volunteer" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

# The Role of the volunteer







## + 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.

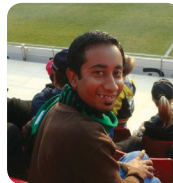
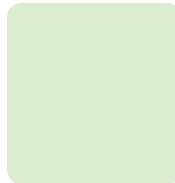
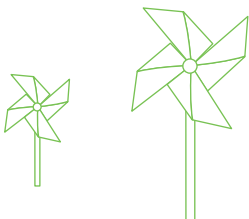
## + What we expect from volunteers

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



Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Center



**Suncheon Center**

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 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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## + 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.

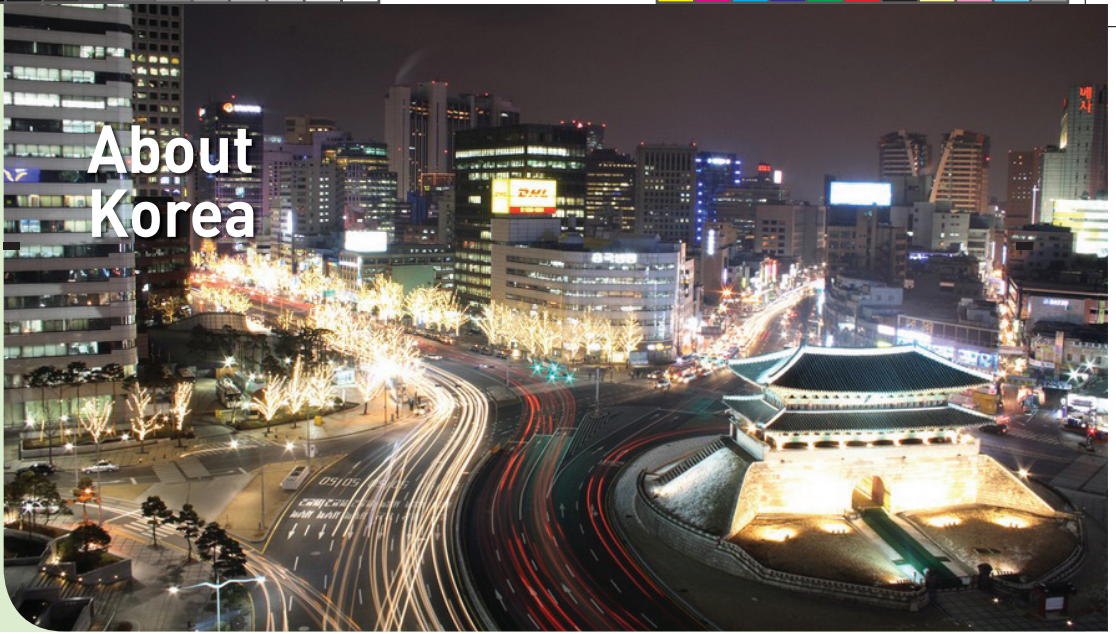
## + Arrival

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.





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.

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





# Suncheon City

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