

Week 5: Obon Week Okutama Outdoor Camp (08/12/2019 to 08/16/2019)

Represented by Camp Team: *The Wild Ones*

Week 5 happens during the traditional annual summer holiday called “Obon.” During this week, all of the campers and teachers take a break from the city and move the operations of the camp to a special Cross location in the mountains about one hour to the west of Tokyo. There they spend the week involved in learning about the Okutama area. They meet prominent local figures involved in woodcraft, agriculture, & social development, and they experience the outdoors, including scientific & ecological experiences. They also get to swim in the clear blue waters of the Arakawa River, and enjoy barbecues almost every night!

	Monday (8/12)	Tuesday (8/13)	Wednesday (8/14)	Thursday (8/15)	Friday (8/16)	Sat.	Sun.		
08:00~09:00	MEETUP Meet at location for departure.	MORNING & WAKEUP Wake up every morning in a beautiful lodge in the forest near a mountain river. Get ready, eat breakfast, & gather at shuttle for trip to Cross Okutama facility.							
09:00~10:00	DEPARTURE Board buses for trip to Okutama.	MORNING ACTIVITIES Cross Okutama learning center. Highlights: science, art, engineering, and crafts, and more. *Wasabi Farming w/ David Hulme (Group A)	MORNING ACTIVITIES Cross Okutama learning center. Highlights: science, art, engineering, and crafts, and more. *Wasabi Farming w/ David Hulme (Group B)	MORNING ACTIVITIES Cross Okutama learning center. Highlights: science, art, engineering, and crafts, and more. *Wasabi Farming w/ David Hulme (Group C)	MORNING ACTIVITIES Cross Okutama learning center. Highlights: science, art, engineering, and crafts, and more. *Wasabi Farming w/ David Hulme (Group D)				
10:00~11:00	ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION Arrival at Cross Academy lodge in Okutama.								
11:00~12:00	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES				
12:00~13:00	LUNCH Japanese Bento Style. Served in a cafeteria at the Cross Okutama Learning Center.								
13:00~15:00	OKUTAMA TREASURE HUNT ADVENTURE Together with a guide from Okutama, discover the natural beauty and diversity of community activity, and along the "mukashi michi," try to solve the riddle of Okutama!	OKUTAMA & THE TAMA RIVER BBQ, hikes, nature games, river swimming, orienteering. Learn about the water systems, issues of local sustainability, and the ecology of water sources.	MITAKE SHRINE HIKE & the DOG GOD Experience an afternoon in the mountainous geography of Okutama, and arrive finally at the Mitake Shrine at the top of Mitake Mountain.	JAPANESE WOOD ART & A SUMMER FESTIVAL! With local kids & families, make traditional chop-sticks &, spoons with master Sukigara . Perhaps a canoe with craftsman Yamazaki . Join a BBQ & summer festival complete with Taiko Drums & Obon dancers! *FAMILY EVENT	CHECKOUT				
15:00~16:30							DEPARTURE Board buses for return trip to home/Tokyo.		
16:30~17:30									
17:30~18:30	DINNER Since we will be staying in lodge facilities by a beautiful river in a forest environment, dinners are generally held outdoors. Frequent BBQs and student-led meal preparation & cooking.				NEXT WEEK: Week 6 begins on Monday, once again at the Cross Showa Campus location.				
18:30~20:00	EVENING Games, stories, movies, astronomy, and more.	EVENING Games, stories, movies, astronomy, and more.	EVENING Games, stories, movies, astronomy, and more.	THE BIG HOUSE SHOW *FAMILY EVENT					
20:00~21:30	FREE TIME Quiet time.	FREE TIME Quiet time.	FREE TIME Quiet time.						
21:30~23:00	BEDTIME Kids: 9:30 Teens: 11:00	BEDTIME Kids: 9:30 Teens: 11:00	BEDTIME Kids: 9:30 Teens: 11:00	BEDTIME Kids: 9:30 Teens: 11:00					