



## COUNSELOR REFLECTION

“SCOA Camp truly was a special, once in a lifetime experience. There really is no other opportunity that allows you to travel to a foreign country with 15 strangers and share your love of sport, all while overcoming language barriers. SCOA forces you to break out of your comfort zone and put yourself out there in ways that might not typically be in your character.”

*Victoria Svorinic  
University of Arizona - Volleyball*



**FOR OVER 15 YEARS, SCOA HAS BEEN BRINGING AMERICAN ATHLETES AND CHEER DANCERS TO JAPAN FOR A TRULY UNIQUE CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH JAPANESE STUDENTS**



***CROSS THE BRIDGE!  
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS***

## SCOA'S MISSION

SCOA's mission is to be a bridge between American and Japanese students so they can share their cultures, broaden their views and appreciate differences. SCOA accomplishes this by bringing American athletes and Japanese campers together in an American camp setting in Japan.

## CO-FOUNDERS

Keiko has a master's in TESL/Applied Linguistics from UCLA and has been an interpreter for over 25 years. She interpreted for Governor Schwarzenegger during his trips to Japan and interpreted at the PyeongChang and Rio de Janeiro Paralympics.



J.R. Best received an MBA from UC Berkeley and a B.A. from UC Davis. He lettered in football, wrestling and baseball in high school and played football at Davis. J.R. had a career in corporate banking before co-founding SCOA.

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## SCOA JAPAN SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ATHLETES & CHEER DANCERS

Open to U.S. college students and recent graduates who participated in a team sport, cheer or dance in high school or college and are native level English speakers.

Over 200 athletes and cheer dancers have come to Japan through SCOA's internship over the last 15 years.

SCOA has relationships with many university athletic departments, including PAC 12 and University of California.

Counselors come to Japan for five weeks starting around mid-July and stay until the third week of August.

Training in Japan prior to camp which includes cross-cultural training and techniques in using nonverbal communication.

## ALL-EXPENSE PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN JAPAN!

### Why be a SCOA Camp Counselor?

- All-inclusive internship includes airfare, food & lodging
- Immerse yourself in Japan's culture and traditions
- Explore one of the world's most exciting cities, Tokyo, for 3 nights with lodging covered
- Come earlier or stay longer and visit nearby countries such as China, Korea or Thailand
- Be a part of the SCOA family of 15-20 athletes and form lifelong friendships
- Gain skills in a foreign environment such as leadership, effective communication & problem-solving
- A unique work experience that will differentiate you on your resume



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### Who are SCOA Campers?

Most of the Japanese elementary and junior high campers are beginners in English so nonverbal communication is important. The universal language of sport is ideal for communicating and making friends!

### SCOA - more than a Sports Camp!

SCOA brings the American summer camp experience to Japan. Sports include football, soccer, cheer dance and basketball, but campers also experience activities such as capture the flag, water balloon toss, potato sack race, skits, talent show, campfires and S'mores.

