



President's Message

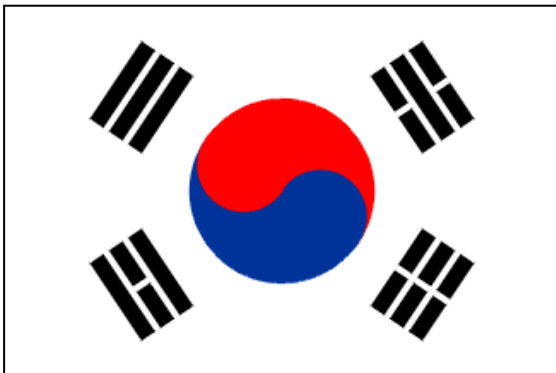
The Board of Directors is excited about another year of Camp Choson. We hope you can join us this summer for our 17th year! As with last year, we are trying to reduce mailing costs by asking parents to download this registration material from our website. We also ask that you include your e-mail address on both your registration application and volunteer form. We will be sending camp confirmations, camper information packets, and volunteer assignments via e-mail where possible.

Camp Choson depends on volunteers and your work at camp is vital. Volunteers do not need to be a parent. Grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome. Please note, in most cases volunteers must be at least 18 years old. A limited number of opportunities are available for teen volunteers who are volunteering with their parent. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator for more information. Volunteering is fun; it's a great way to meet other parents and make new friends! Volunteers that commit to a full week and register by the deadline will receive preference in assignments. It is okay for members of the same family to share a position, dividing between them the days of the week that fit their respective schedules. Volunteer assignments will be confirmed via e-mail in early June. Background checks of volunteers will be required due to liability insurance requirements.

In addition, we are still in need of volunteers to fill a few core positions within the hierarchy of camp. Please review the positions listed on our website. Let us know how you can help us make 2010 another successful year. Thank you for your help!

We look forward to seeing returning friends and meeting new Camp Choson families. See you in July!

- Dee White, President



Special Request for All Camp Parents

The Board is requesting your continued assistance in recruiting new families to our Camp. As you all know, the number of adoptions from Korea by U.S. families continues to decline each year. As we anticipated, we continue to see some decline each year in the numbers of campers joining us each summer. In 2009, Camp Choson experienced its second ever financial loss primarily due to fewer campers. We need your help, now more than ever, to recruit new families to join us this summer and beyond.

Please do what you can to share information about Camp Choson with families that may have an interest in attending. For those of us who have been coming to camp know so well, camp is about more than just the kids. Camp Choson is about entire families connecting with their Korean heritage - whether by birth or adoption. Many lifelong friendships between families begin at Camp. The counselors, the campers, the instructors, the parents, and even the alumni all look forward to reconnecting each year for one special week. This is part of what makes Camp Choson different from the typical camp experience. Please help spread the word.

This year we are again making a plea for more Resident Camp parent volunteers. It's been our experience (and our expectation) that most Day Campers have at least one parent, if not both, volunteering for the week. Although we do get support from some Resident Camp parents, the numbers are much smaller. This year we anticipate fewer day campers, which mean fewer day camper parents to fill our volunteer needs. Please consider finding a way to help Camp Choson. Not all volunteer assignments require day-time, M-F attendance.

In past years, camp clean-up has been particularly challenging. Often the Key volunteers end up being the first to arrive on Sunday and the last to leave on Friday. In 2009, we had another successful camp clean-up thanks to the leadership of Craig Skone. This was particularly nice since camp ended on July 3rd and many families were anxious to leave as early as possible. If you're not able to fill a volunteer opportunity during the week, please plan on arriving early on Friday to help with Camp clean-up (starts in the morning). This way everyone can leave camp at a reasonable hour.

