



## OKINAWA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (OAA)

# CAMP WARABI 2019

July 8 - 12, 2019 (Monday through Friday), 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
OAA Center, Yamauchi Bldg.  
16500 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90247



Camp Warabi is five-day a summer program for middle schoolers to learn about Okinawan culture, arts, and identity. College-age counselors will be selected and trained to lead campers as each day will be filled with fun learning and connecting with one's Okinawan roots.

- **Immersive learning** – The best way to learn about culture is to be immersed in it! From traditional music to folk crafts, campers will have the chance to learn about Okinawa through hands-on workshops, lessons, and games. (*Activities subject to change*)
  - *Eisaa* (traditional drum-dancing) lesson and practices
  - *Sanshin* (traditional 3-stringed instrument) basics and lesson
  - Simple words/phrases in the endangered Okinawan language
  - Okinawan and Okinawa-inspired arts and crafts
  - Youth-focused presentation about WWII's Battle of Okinawa
  - Plus more!
- **Fellowship** – *Ichariba choodee* (once we meet, we're family)! Campers will have the chance to learn about each other and to develop their teamwork skills through engaging activities.
- **Reflection** – It's difficult to find peace and quiet in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world. The program will schedule daily sustained silent writing for campers to think about and expand on what they learned.
- **Okinawan values and beliefs** – With each activity, the program will explore the values and beliefs that are embedded in Okinawan culture: "*ichariba choodee*" (once we meet, we're family), "*yuimaaruu*" (helping each other in the community), "*nuchi du takara*" (life is a treasure).



### OUR GOALS



- **To create friendships** – This program will provide the opportunity for campers to connect with fellow Okinawans outside of their school and family circles.
- **To nurture creativity and teamwork** – Culture comes alive! We hope that the program's activities will inspire campers to be creative and work together.
- **To encourage critical thinking and empathy** – Okinawan culture and history will be connected to deeper topics such as ancestry, nature, and values. Additionally, presentations about community, peace, and immigration aim to explore interconnectedness.
- **To strengthen identity** – We hope that exploring Okinawan culture will strengthen the camper's pride in their Okinawan roots and motivate them to learn more.

The registration fee will help to cover daily lunches, snacks, and drinks; camper t-shirts; transportation for field trip(s); and workshop materials. Registration is required to participate. Please fill out and submit the attached form by the registration deadline. *Nifee deebiru* (thank you)!

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ OAA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home - Work - Cell Phone 2 (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home - Work - Cell

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Ancestral Village/Town in Okinawa \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

Camp participants will be taught a simple *eisaa* (Okinawan drum-dance) choreography during the program with the chance to perform what they learned at the OAA Picnic, July 14 (Sunday), 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Whittier Narrows Park in South El Monte. **Are you able to attend on July 14?** Yes No

**CAMPER INFORMATION**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of July 9) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (as of Sept.) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any special or medical needs, allergies, injuries, difficulties:

**EMERGENCY CONTACT (if different from parent/guardian)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

**Early-Bird (Deadline: May 3, 2019)**

\$200 OAA member \$235 non-OAA member

**Regular (Deadline: June 7, 2019)**

\$225 OAA member \$260 non-OAA member

*Disclaimer: Full refunds due to cancellation will be given until June 3, 2019. Partial refunds thereafter may be given based on circumstance of cancellation.*

Payment Method Cash Check or Money Order (made payable to OAA) Credit Card (please fill out below)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian will receive a confirmation of enrollment via phone or email

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**Registration Form:** By signing and submitting this registration form, the parent/guardian acknowledges that all information is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

**Child Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** The parent/guardian agrees to drop off their child between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time) and pick up their child between 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) at the OAA Center, Yamauchi Building, on the designated program dates. If the child cannot be picked up by 3:30 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time), a later pick-up time can be arranged for an additional fee. The parent/guardian agrees to inform the OAA staff via telephone if they anticipate a delayed drop-off, a delayed pick-up, or the child's absence from an activity. Staff phone numbers will be given to parents/guardians with the program materials.

**Cancellation and Refunds:** Full refunds due to cancellation will be given until June 3, 2019. Partial refunds thereafter may be given based on circumstance of cancellation.

**Parent/Guardian Name** *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_ / Credit CD \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_