

FAQS FOR CAMP@HOME - OS CHILDREN'S CAMP

About Camp@Home

1) What is Camp@Home?

Camp@Home is a 3-day non-residential programme held in Singapore for the children of Overseas Singaporeans. It is designed to introduce young Overseas Singaporeans (aged 7 – 12 years old) to Singapore's culture, heritage and school environment. This programme will enable the child to embark on a journey of discovery of various aspects of Singapore that are of interest to them. The Camp is held in Singapore, so that the participants can be immersed in the local environment.

2) Who is the organiser of Camp@Home?

Camp@Home is organised by the Overseas Singaporean Unit in the National Population and Talent Division, Prime Minister's Office.

3) Why is Camp@Home being organised?

Camp@Home is initiated in response to feedback from OS parents who wish to give their children exposure to Singapore's culture, history and school environment.

4) Who can attend Camp@Home?

Camp@Home is for Overseas Singaporean children aged 7-12 years old. Participants must be Singapore citizens or a child born to two Singapore citizen parents.

Application Criteria

5) Is there an age limit for participants of Camp@Home? Why?

Camp@Home is organised for young Overseas Singaporeans aged 7-12 years old. Participants of this age group are better suited to receive instructions for such programme and are sufficiently independent to take care of their basic needs.

6) How is Camp@Home different from Camp Singapore? The Singapore International Foundation used to run Camp Singapore.

The former Camp Singapore was organised by the Singapore International Foundation until 2009. It was opened for participation by local/overseas Singaporean children and children of expats based in Singapore. It aimed to forge greater understanding between Singaporeans and international communities.

The proposed Camp@Home is a programme for Overseas Singaporean children only. It aims to emotionally connect OS children with Singapore and introduce them to the Singapore school environment.

Finance

7) How much do participants need to pay to attend Camp@Home?

All participants must pay \$100 each.

Venue and Schedule

8) Why the decision to hold Camp@Home in Singapore?

Camp@Home is held in Singapore in the summer holiday to engage OS children who returned to Singapore for vacation. This is an opportunity to provide our children with the Singapore experience locally, which cannot be achieved if the camp is held overseas.

9) When and where will the next Camp@Home be held?

Camp@Home is planned to be conducted twice a year in the summer vacations of the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The specific dates of each camp will be announced before each camp. Camp@Home will be held in Singapore.

Attendance

10) How many OS Children are you expecting to attend Camp@Home?

We are planning for up to 40 children. The camp capacity will be adjusted based on the response from Overseas Singaporeans.

11) What happens if the turn-out is more than what you have planned?

If there is a strong demand for the camp, we will try to accommodate as much as possible without compromising the quality of the programme and safety of the participants. For those who are unable to attend this camp, they can apply again at the next run of the camp.

12) How can my child apply to participate in the Camp?

All Overseas Singaporeans are welcomed to participate in the camp. Application to the camp can only be done via the Overseas Singaporean Portal (www.overseassingaporean.sg).

13) How do we know if our application to attend Camp@Home is successful?

OSU will notify all applicants (successful, unsuccessful, waitlisted) by 30 June 2011 via email.

14) Can participants bring their foreign friends along?

Camp@Home is only opened to a child of Singapore citizenship or a child whose parents are Singapore citizens.

15) Can OS who meet the qualifying criteria turn up for the camp without registration?

The camp is planned with the number of successful registered participants in mind. Taking on additional participants may compromise the quality or safety of the programme. As such, only OS who are successfully registered will be admitted to Camp@Home. Interested OS are advised to apply via the Overseas Singaporean Portal (www.overseassingaporean.sg) and come to the camp only if they are successfully registered.

Registration and Admission

16) How do I know whether my application for my child to participate in Camp@Home is successful?

Once you have submitted the on-line application found on the Overseas Singaporean Portal (www.overseassingaporean.sg) before the stipulated deadline, an acknowledgement receipt will be issued to the email address you have indicated in your application. This **does not** constitute as a successful admission to the camp. A confirmation email on the status of your application (i.e. successful, unsuccessful, waitlisted) will only be sent to you by 30 June 2011. More details on the camp and payment instructions will be made available in this email.

Others – Food Preference & Allergies and Medical Conditions

17) What if my child has dietary constraints or food allergy?

Pre-defined dietary preferences would be made available for selection, once successful camp participants are notified. We apologise that we are not able to provide selection beyond this list. You are advised to declare any food allergies and medical conditions of the child upon receiving notice of successful admission of your child to the camp.

18) My child has a pre-existing medical condition. Can he/she attend this programme?

We will recommend you to seek medical advice from your family doctor to determine if your child is medically fit to attend this camp.