



2016 HAJET Summer Meeting Lake Toya June 24th-26th

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes the annual HAJET Summer Meeting! This year we'll be throwing back to a location we used many years ago: Lake Toya! Just to the southwest of Sapporo, this volcanic caldera lake is gorgeous and is known for its clear water (second most transparent in Japan!). In the center is the island called Nakajima, and is home to nature trails, a forest museum, and lots of wildlife. It's going to be awesome!

Schedule

Friday, June 24th

6:00 pm (onward) - Check-in
8:00 - 8:30 pm - Welcome Kanpai
8:30 - 10:00 pm - PC Meeting

Saturday, June 25th

8:00 - 9:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 - 10:00 am - General Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 am - Workshop I: "Next Steps"
11:00 - 12:00pm - Workshop II: "Exploring Ainu Culture"
- Free Time -
6:00 - 7:00 pm - HEC Minute-Madness Contest
7:00 - 9:00 pm - BBQ Enkai
9:00 pm - HEC Dessert Auction

Sunday, June 26th

8:00 - 9:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 - 11 am - Flea Market

Accommodation

We'll be camping out at the Nakatoya Campground (中洞爺キャンプ場), which is located on the eastern side of the lake. Overnight prices are **450 yen per day PER PERSON (not tent)**. For those of you who don't own a tent, don't worry! You can borrow one of the HEC tents for **500 yen per person, per night**. There is a selection of 4-person and 6-person tents, so you can either get a group of your 4 to 6 closest friends together, or opt to share with smaller groups. Please note that there will be no tents available for rental from the campsite.

The Nakatoya Campground also allows the use of hand-held fireworks, and pets are welcome, too!

Campsite (Google Maps): <https://goo.gl/maps/qNADaF4ZkCQ2>

Seminars

The Next Steps: Leaving and Staying

This workshop is designed to address the questions you may not have realized you had about what happens next in your life in Hokkaido. With Summer comes a big upheaval in the community and in your own life, be it friends leaving or you yourself. We'll split into two simultaneous groups, one for if you're **leaving**: focused on what you should be preparing for and tips about how to make heading home easier; and the other for if you're **staying**: for those of us who are going to say goodbye to our friends and welcome in the new ALTs, and how to make that transition go as smoothly as possible.

Exploring Ainu Culture

One of the many wonderful things about living in Hokkaido is seeing the influence of the Ainu people, a culture strongly associated with this part of Japan. From place names to craftsmanship and more, the contributions that the Ainu have made to the atmosphere of Hokkaido are important, and so this workshop is designed for us all to learn a bit more about these people and their history. We're working on the possibility of having Ainu guest speakers as well, so get excited!

Events

HEC Minute-Madness Fundraiser

This event will be comprised of teams of at most 5 people, and the teams will compete in short mini-game-like challenges in order to gain points and reach the top! Think stuff like: human knot, flip the tarp, wasabi roulette, egg balancing. Some will test your skill, others will test your luck. Compete against your friends for great HEC prizes, free dinner, and of course, bragging rights! Entry fee will be **1500 yen for each team**. All donations will go towards HEC. More specific information will be sent out as the date approaches.

HEC Dessert Auction

As per tradition, HEC will be holding the HEC Dessert Auction. Bid against your friends for a variety of delectable desserts, some made from scratch, some bought from a store, but all delicious! So, bring your wallets and your sweets, and get ready to bid!

Sunday Flea Market

Another traditional event - for those JETs leaving us in July, this is a great opportunity to clean out your house and get some extra money for your next adventure! For those of us who are staying, this is our chance to snag some great stuff and super low prices! For all those items you still want to sell or those you've already sold but haven't been able to deliver yet -

the summer meeting is a good time for all of that. It might be more efficient to post all goods for sale online first (the Facebook event page would be a good place for it), that way you guys can avoid lugging back unsold goods.

Enkai

This year's enkai will follow in the grand tradition of Summer Meeting BBQs, with a selection of hamburgers, hot dogs, and all of the necessities. Of course, there will be plenty of vegetarian and vegan friendly options, too! The enkai is **800 yen for members** and **1000 yen for non-members**. (Drinks are BYOB.) That will definitely entitle you to a single main meal item and whatever sides we end up getting, but don't worry—I'm planning to have enough food so all those who want to have seconds will be able to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please be sure to note that on the RSVP form.

Sightseeing

The area is filled with activities and things to do. Near the campsite there is an onsen (with a 300 yen off coupon on the 26th!) with many more scattered about the area as well. There's lots of mountains for hiking in the area, a ropeway that leads up to the top of Mount Usu (the volcano that gives Lake Toya its volcanic caldera status), and a lovely waterfall within walkable distance from our campsite itself! The town of Sobetsu is 10 minutes south by car and has onsen, a park golf course, and more. Of course you can bring your bathing suit and have a good time in the water, or rent a canoe nearby to explore the lake. On the southwest shore of the lake is the pier for a ferry that leaves every 30 minutes which can take you to the center island of Nakajima. There you'll find wildlife, forest paths, and a nature museum. At night they offer a fireworks cruise around Nakajima. More information about specific opportunities and locations will be released soon.

Receipts

For any of those who need receipts for your contracting organizations, please select the appropriate option on the online RSVP form. If you have forgotten to ask for a receipt, or need to make changes to your selection (itemized vs. non-itemized), please feel free to let us know.

Questions

For any questions, concerns or comments, please contact Nikolai Muth at vp@hajet.org. Remember that many contracting organizations *may* be able to help you either with funding to attend the event, or time off to travel. We *will* be sending out a Japanese Info Pack to all of HAJET members' Boards of Education informing them of this meeting, so check in with them at some point in June and make sure they've received it. That Info Pack is also available on the hajet.org website, if you need it.

RSVP Deadline: Wednesday, June 22nd to
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