

Community Mentors Program (CMP) Application Packet

Program Information

CMP is a collaborative effort of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and Kizuna. Their respective missions are:

- “To foster and preserve the cultural heritage unique to Japanese American ancestry; and to serve the community through social services, artistic, recreational, and educational programs”
- “To build a vibrant Nikkei community by: creating an empowering culture and environment; engaging and advocating for the community by igniting the passion of young Japanese Americans; building collective identity through multi-generational and multi-ethnic collaborations”.

Goals of the program:

The Community Mentor Program (CMP) is designed to forge relationships between recent college graduates and young professionals to provide a resource for guidance and a positive support system through quarterly events. In addition, the program will create the investment necessary to foster a new generation of stakeholders in the Japanese American community for both parties.

Following program completion, participants will have acquired the resources and the skills necessary to be a lifelong participant in whatever community they come to identify with. They will have also established a network of multi generational connections within the Japanese American community.

Participants can expect opportunities to engage with the Southern California community and its many organizations through volunteering at events like the ESGVJCC's Akimatsuri, social activities such as a holiday cook-off, and through personal or professional one-on-one mentoring occasions.

Participant requirements:

- Participants must be 21 and over.
- Young professionals must have completed degrees at a higher education institute.
- Participants should exhibit an interest in the Japanese American community and its future.
- Payment of \$10 annual fee, which helps subsidize events and administrative costs.



Contact Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zipcode: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Participant Contract

General

- I understand that the Community Mentor Program is an experience designed for participants to engage and discover opportunities to become involved in the community.
- I will always be a positive role model and lead by action.

Attendance

- I will make my best effort to regularly attend activities throughout the year.
- I will maintain clear and timely communication with program coordinators.

As a representative of the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and Kizuna I will not engage in inappropriate behavior, activity or community with any participants in the program. Some precautions include:

- Participants will not engage in any activity that could result in defaming East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, Kizuna and/or the Little Tokyo community.

I have read and will observe this contract to the best of my ability.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



Liability Waiver

In consideration of my participation in the Community Mentor Program ("Program"), which is sponsored by the East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center ("ESGVJCC") and Kizuna, the undersigned, acknowledges and agrees that:

1. Release of Liability; Indemnification.

- a. The undersigned represents that the undersigned is capable of withstanding both the physical and mental demands of Community Mentor Program activities.
- b. The undersigned assumes all risks associated with the Program, whether such risks are known or unknown to me at this time.
- c. The undersigned hereby releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue or seek compensation from the Program, the ESGVJCC, Kizuna, and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively "Releasees"), in connection with any liability, injury, or harm which may arise as a result of my participation in the Program.
- d. The undersigned acknowledges, understands and assumes the risk, if any, arising from the conditions of the premises and adjacent properties, parking lots and facilities of the Program activities and acknowledges and understands that included within the scope of the above waiver and release is any action or causes of action arising from the performance, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision, control or security of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditions existing on or near said locations or for any actions or causes of action for negligent supervision or selection of personnel.

2. Photography

- a. Kizuna and the ESGVJCC are hereby authorized, without further consent from the undersigned, to use the undersigned's name and likeness for promotional materials for the Program, Kizuna and/or the ESGVJCC.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, the undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing paragraphs, has been fully and completely advised concerning same, has had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel, and is fully aware of the legal consequences of executing this document and waiving all claims in connection with the Community Mentor Program.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE, UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HAS GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

