

HEC August 2019 Newsletter

HEC 2019 has ended, but I'm sure that everyone who attended still lingers on the many memories they made there this year.

For those who don't know of HEC, it's an annual donation-based, volunteer-driven summer camp for Hokkaido students. This year from July 27-31, 49 Hokkaido junior high and high school students gathered in Higashikagura for this unique experience. Each student went free of charge. There were 36 volunteers who ran the camp and had fundraised all of the money. We played games, had an Amazing Race, Crazy Olympics, sang songs, held a dance party, made smores, and so much more. We also made many, many friends and many lasting memories.

HEC 2020 will be the 26th year of HEC. This means HEC is as old as me and older than some of the people reading this newsletter. Some volunteers have been coming to camp for more than five years. Some of them first came as campers and now come back as leaders. With each year, the list of people impacted by HEC grows and more people understand No HEC. No Life. This year will be no different, especially since I know that once people hear about this camp and understand how much of an impact it has on the campers and volunteers, they too will want to help it succeed. So, whether this is your first time learning about HEC, you're a longtime volunteer, or a former camper, I hope you'll craft HEC with us this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at HEC fundraisers and events. I can't wait to send out the registration and test information for this year.

Please stay tuned as we gear up for HEC 2020!

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HEC 2020's Timeline

December 2019 - February 2020	Test registration
March 2020	Test opens
April 2020	Test closes
May 2020	Winners and campers are notified
May 2020	General call for camp volunteers
July 2020	HEC 2020!

Chances to give, volunteer, and frolick

Date	Event	Activities	Description
Aug 29- 30	HEC at Sapporo Orientation		We will be taking our first sign ups for HEC Fall Stamp Rally and hyping HEC to all of the lovely newcomers.
Sep 7	HEC at Northern Welcome Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Annual All- Hokkaido Championship! N- ergy Games HEC Farmer's Market HEC Bar 	<p>Winter is coming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete as a team to capture glory for you and your region in a mix of mini- games. Try out food made by the best chefs, brewers, and bakers in all the lands. You too can bring a food item of your choice to donate. We will be eternally grateful. Get crunk. It's for the kids! Will there be a special guest appearance by Challenge Man, the man who does what you ask for donations? Come and find out!
Sep 14	HEC at Southwestern Welcome Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Annual All- Hokkaido Championship! N- ergy Games HEC Farmer's Market HEC Bar 	<p>Toyako? Toya let's go!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete as a team to capture glory for you and your region in a mix of mini- games. Try out food made by the best chefs, brewers, and bakers in all the lands. You too can bring a food item of your choice to donate. We will be eternally grateful. Get crunk. It's for the kids!
Sep 21	HEC at Eastern Welcome Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Annual All- Hokkaido Championship! N- ergy Games HEC Farmer's Market HEC Bar 	<p>Come for the beautiful lakes and stay for the good vibes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete as a team to capture glory for you and your region in a mix of mini- games. Try out food made by the best chefs, brewers, and bakers in all the lands. You too can bring a food item of your choice to donate. We will be eternally grateful. Get crunk. It's for the kids!
Sep 28	HEC at Central Welcome Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Annual All- Hokkaido Championship! N- ergy Games HEC Farmer's Market HEC Bar 	<p>This is my region. I will be rigging the competitions so we win. Come be a part of the totally legitimate competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete as a team to capture glory for you and your region in a mix of mini- games. Try out food made by the best chefs, brewers, and bakers in all the lands. You too can bring a food item of your choice to donate. We will be eternally grateful. Get crunk. It's for the kids!
Oct 5	HEC at Sapporo Welcome Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Annual All- Hokkaido Championship! N- ergy Games HEC Farmer's Market 	<p>Bring your team to the city to see which region walks away with the grand prize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compete as a team to capture glory for you and your region in a mix of mini- games. Try out food made by the best chefs, brewers, and bakers in all the lands. You too can bring a food item of your choice to donate. We will be eternally grateful.
Oct 12 to Nov 23	HEC Fall Stamp Rally	https://hec.hajet.org/fallstamp/rally/	A new fundraiser for all those who want to explore more of Hokkaido! To check out the rally requirements and prizes, go to hec.hajet.org/fallstamp/rally/ . Registration can be done online, but those who sign up at any of the above events receive an edge over the competition!
Oct 26	HEC Halloween in Higashikagura		Ready to get spooky? We need volunteers to help run a haunted house in Higashikagura! Please contact hec@hajet.org to get rides and couches to crash on sorted out and for more info.

WELCOME TO HOKKAIDO!

SUPPORT HEC



AT THE HAJET WELCOME PARTIES

Find the region closest to you or
come to any of the parties!

NORTHERN: 9/7
SOUTHWEST: 9/14
EASTERN: 9/21

CENTRAL: 9/28
SAPPORO: 10/5

featuring:
HEC FUNDRAISERS

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THE 1ST ANNUAL HEC
N-ERGY GAMES



Form an unstoppable team and compete in exciting mini-games! Only 500 yen per person.

Bonus: Win some SICK prizes

Want to form a team?

Contact HEC!

HEC Farmer's Market

Love to cook, bake, or brew? Want to impress everyone with your superb skills? Look no further! We're looking for delicious donations to be sold at our Farmer's Market.



Contact HEC!

HEC BAR



Enjoy your favorite drinks all night long!
Want to test your bar tending skills or donate a bottle? **Contact HEC!**

CONTACT HEC

Questions? Donations?
Want to participate?
Email us at hec@hajet.org

Learn more about HEC at hec.hajet.org



HEC Fall Stamp Rally

Road stops (michi no eki) 2

Train stations 2

Onsen 2

Attractions 5
museums, art galleries, zoos, aquariums, parks, etc.

HEC/HAJET Events 0
Replaces 3 of the above stamps

Option 1

Explorer

2

2

2

5

0

11
stamps
total

Option 2

Challenger

Any combination
of 8

8

1

9
stamps
total

Start Date: October 12, 2019 End Date: November 23, 2019

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What is a stamp rally?

A stamp rally is a political rally, but only stamps are allowed to attend. I kid. A stamp rally is a contest to collect stamps from locations around a given area. In this case, Hokkaido is the area and the stamps are ripe for the collecting at train stations, road stops, onsens, attractions, and HAJET/HEC events. It's a race to collect them and prove it to us you did before other competitors do, so collect with the quickness!

The rally options

There are two options. Option 1, Explorer, requires 2 stamps from road stops, 2 stamps from train stations, 2 stamps from onsens, and 5 stamps from attractions. With Option 2, Challenger, we aren't so fussy. A single HAJET/HEC event stamp, which you can get BEFORE the official start date, sets you free to get any combination of 8 stamps the other categories. Hint: get your HAJET/HEC stamp when you sign up. Let's enjoying stamp rally together!

How do I compete?

- Pay a 1000 yen entry fee to HEC. (There will be no prizes if we don't get at least 15 paid entrants.)
- Print the five booklet pages.
- Craft your booklet.
- Explore Hokkaido!

- Collect your stamps after the start date and before the end date.
- Send your finished booklet to hec@hajet.org as images or PDF as soon as possible. You snooze, you lose!
- Win sweet prizes all for a great cause!

The prizes *trumpet blast*

- 1st: 5000 yen
- 2nd: 2500 yen
- 3rd: An HEC T-shirt of your choice
- 4th-10th: Various goodies

Rules

- The rally begins October 12 and ends on November 23.
- Stamps must be readable.
- Stamps must come from within Hokkaido.
- Only paid entrants can win prizes.

- Stamps must include the name of the attraction.
- Attraction stamps cannot be repeated; i.e., two stamps from the same zoo is not allowed.
- Prizes are based on submission time. Email pictures or scans of your completed booklet to hec@hajet.org.

To print your booklet, please visit hec.hajet.org/fallstamp rally