



## **Culture Club Rules**

This is one of the longest running Culture Groups here at Yokota. It was started in the 50's and is still going strong. Some of the Japanese members have been in the group for 30+ years. Its purpose is to share our culture with our Japanese counterparts and learn more about the Japanese culture as well. This group fosters a meaningful connection with some amazing ladies that will last for many years after you leave Japan. Learn about the country you are living in as and make some great friends along the way!

In order to join It will be on a first come, first served basis as there are limited spots available. All you need to do is come to the Culture Club table and put your name on the list. We will contact you later on with your group information, start dates, and you will be ready to go!

Just some things to remember:

- You must be a YSC member to be part of the Culture Club. So any names on the sign up list without a paid YSC membership will be removed.
- You cannot sign up beforehand. If you want to join, your first and only opportunity will be at the Kick off event. (If all the spots are not filled by the end of the event, we will post on our FB page that there are still spots and you can let us know if you want to join.)
- If you have friends already in a group and you want to be in that group, you can request to be in that group. However, requests cannot be guaranteed. If all of the spots have been filled in that group, then you may be placed in another group. I would highly recommend that you give the group a try. You may find it very rewarding, even without your friends.
- You cannot sign up for your friends. Meaning: one person cannot sign up multiple people.
- There are six smaller groups within the Culture Club. Each group has additional dues that will cover your activities throughout the year. Each group has a different amount but they should not exceed \$200 To cover meals for the Japanese members, meals for yourself, activities, decorations, gifts, etc. Please be aware that these dues do not cover your own meals when we are hosting the Japanese members. Throughout the year (October-May), the Japanese and Americans will take turns hosting an event or activity. When the Japanese host, typically they will pay for everything unless an activity requires an additional fee. When Americans host, we will pay for them from the dues collected, this includes the meal for the Christmas event. YSC is responsible for the overall gifts to Japanese members for Christmas and Closing ceremonies only.

- Some groups meet once a month and some groups meet twice a month. It will always be on a Thursday, but the dates will vary depending on the group. As a YSC member you are only required to attend the 8 main events each month to include opening ceremony, Christmas, and Closing ceremony. Any additional meetups your group does is optional.
- Children over the age of 6 months are NOT allowed to accompany you to culture club Events.
- Failure to attend events for your culture club will not be tolerated. If you miss 2 events you will be removed from your group.

Please feel free to message by email [yssculture@gmail.com](mailto:yssculture@gmail.com) if you have any questions.