

Asia Camp Memories



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I feel that the Math Kangaroo competition in Hainan, China, was a great opportunity to learn more about math and enjoy the experience. There were several reasons for this.

I found all the events were engaging and interesting. The individual round and the team round were similar to other math competitions; there was a time limit and a set of problems you had to solve. The Crossnumber and Guts rounds were very interesting and exciting.

The Crossnumber round required not only mathematical skills but also logical reasoning and problem-solving abilities. I enjoyed this round because it allowed me to use different skills at the same time. The Guts round focused more on speed and accuracy. It was memorable because it was like no other math competition.

Apart from the competitions, there were other fun activities. For example, the Math Carnival was a fun activity where students walked from table to table doing small activities. Some of the activities were cultural games related to one of the eight countries participating in the competition. Other activities were math-based games like Sudoku. I enjoyed being able to take a break from the competitions while still doing activities related to math.

The hotel where I stayed with my family during the competition was also a memorable experience. It had a big swimming pool outside. Inside, the hotel had high-quality rooms for students to live in, with each room having a wonderful view of the sea.

In conclusion, I think the **Math Kangaroo Asia Competition was a memorable experience for me. The exciting competitions, enjoyable activities, and comfortable accommodations all contributed to a wonderful experience.** I would gladly return to the Math Kangaroo Asia Camp in the future if I were given the opportunity.





CAROLINE GUAN | 8TH GRADER SAN JOSE, CA

The Math Kangaroo Asia Camp in Hainan was an unforgettable opportunity that allowed me to explore math in different ways.

There were many fun activities throughout the camp. My favorite was the Math Carnival, where I got to play exciting games with the new friends I had made. I also had the opportunity to meet people from different countries and places around the world. I learned about different countries by looking at the stamps we received after playing the games. I knew these math fans from Russia in the North, Switzerland in Europe, Myanmar from Asia, and so on. My two camp leaders from China were also very kind and supportive. I really appreciated the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of the camp.

I especially liked the Team and Guts Rounds because I got to work together with my teammates and get to know them better. Before the rounds started, our team had a bonding session where we played the card game Coup. It was a fun way to get to know one another and become more comfortable as a team.

I was also excited to participate in the Countdown Round, which I don't get to do very often. It was a thrilling challenge, especially because I felt the pressure of trying to solve the problems as quickly as possible. And, of course, I was also delighted to receive a cute kangaroo stuffed animal!

Overall, the camp was truly remarkable for me. **Over the course of five days, I made many new friends, faced new challenges, and created many wonderful memories. I hope to have more opportunities to take part in events like this in the future!**



I'd like to start by saying that I'm **honored to have been selected as one of the sixteen lucky students to go experience Math Kangaroo Asia Camp 2026**. I didn't really know what to expect, until I saw the video for 2025 recap. Once I saw the video, I was really excited to go on this adventure, and I knew my father and I would have fun there.

The competitions were amazing to be part of, especially because of how they challenged our mathematical skill. My favorite competitions would have to be the Team Round and the GUTS Round, because we would get to work within a team. If I had to pick one competition to be my favorite however, it would be the GUTS Round, since the live leaderboard and the time limit placed gave a tense feeling, and a rush of adrenaline and excitement.

The fun events that everyone at Math Kangaroo placed into the schedule were also great. It was great to play all the games at the Math Carnival, solving Sudoku puzzles and placing blocks in a pattern faster than your opponent. It was also fun when there was a Dance, Dance Revolution™ video playing on stage and we got to dance along with my new friends; it's wonderful that so many people from different places, cultures, and religions all got to meet up at this event. Truly a borderless math experience.

Thank you, everyone at Math Kangaroo for offering this opportunity to me and fifteen other lucky students. **This was an unforgettable experience like no other, and I'd love to go back again.**





I truly enjoyed my experience at the Math Kangaroo Asia Camp in Boao, Hainan Island, China.

The competitions were challenging, but they were also a lot of fun because most of them were team-based. One of my favorite events was the Guts Round, where our team competed with a real-time scoreboard. The pressure to get the correct answers was stressful, but it also made the competition exciting. Our team won a Top Gold Medal in this event, and I learned a lot from working with my teammates.

I also loved the Math Carnival and the workshops. I got to work with others to explore all kinds of activity stations, such as solving creative logic puzzles, moving matchsticks to make different objects, and building a long pipeline to roll a ball into a cup.

The best part of the camp, however, was meeting other kids from different places, each with their own unique ways of thinking about math. I made friends with students from the United States as well as other countries. Although we came from different cultures, we all shared a passion for math, which made it easy to connect with one another. I also learned several clever strategies for solving math problems by working with others. Outside of the competitions, we relaxed at the pool after long days filled with activities and contests.

Looking back, I realized that the **Math Kangaroo Asia Camp was much more than a math competition. It gave me the chance to challenge myself, meet talented students from around the world, and create memories that I will always treasure. I hope I will have the opportunity to participate again in the future.**



JULI TANG | 8TH GRADER ITHACA, NY

The Math Kangaroo Asia Camp was really fun, featuring challenging competitions, interesting math workshops and many fun events throughout the week. I met many smart and talented people from all over the world during this camp experience, and made many friends along the way.

I enjoyed all the competitions, but my favorite would probably be the guts round. It was exciting to work as a team to finish each set of problems as quickly and accurately as possible and seeing the live scores projected at the front.

I would definitely recommend this camp to anyone that loves Math Kangaroo! I had so much fun working with my team and making new friends, I hope to come again in the future!



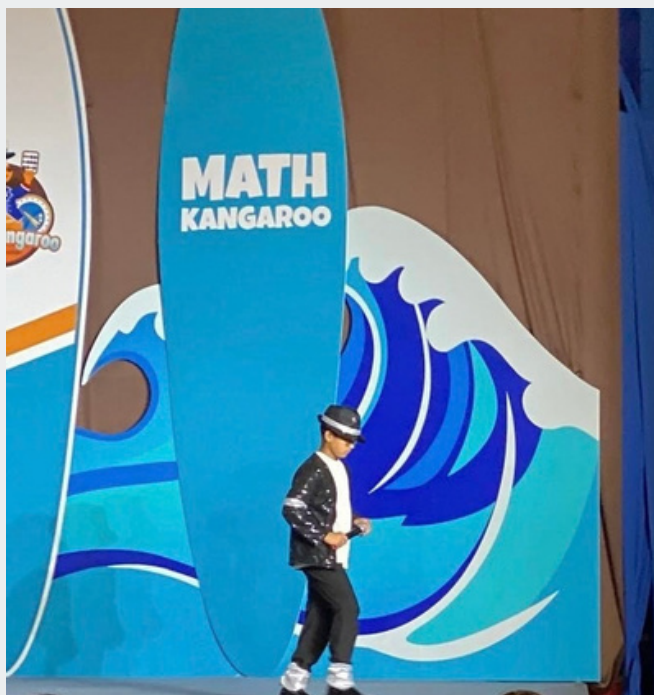
Participating in the 2026 Math Kangaroo Asia Championship was an incredible and unforgettable experience!

While representing Team USA on the international stage alongside more than 1,000 talented campers from around the world, I felt incredibly proud and inspired. This was an experience of a lifetime, and it pushed me to dream bigger, think more deeply, and keep exploring the endless world of mathematics. From the very first icebreaker meeting to every team and individual challenge, each moment was filled with learning, teamwork, and new experiences that I'll never forget.

Every competition was challenging, but also very fun. They quickly caught my interest, especially since many of them were team rounds. These events were always thrilling, allowing me to communicate openly and brainstorm solutions with my teammates. My favorite competition was the Guts Round, where my team and I answered questions at a fast pace while competing directly against all the other teams in the room. The real time scoreboard kept the pressure on, and that made getting each question correct even more intense!

I also enjoyed the interactive Math Workshops, Math Bazaar, and Math Carnival, too.

- The math workshops consisted of expert mathematicians presenting to us about specific everyday mathematical encounters, like city planning and spatial reasoning exercises. They guided us through the essential math topics of each project and helped us throughout the workshop.

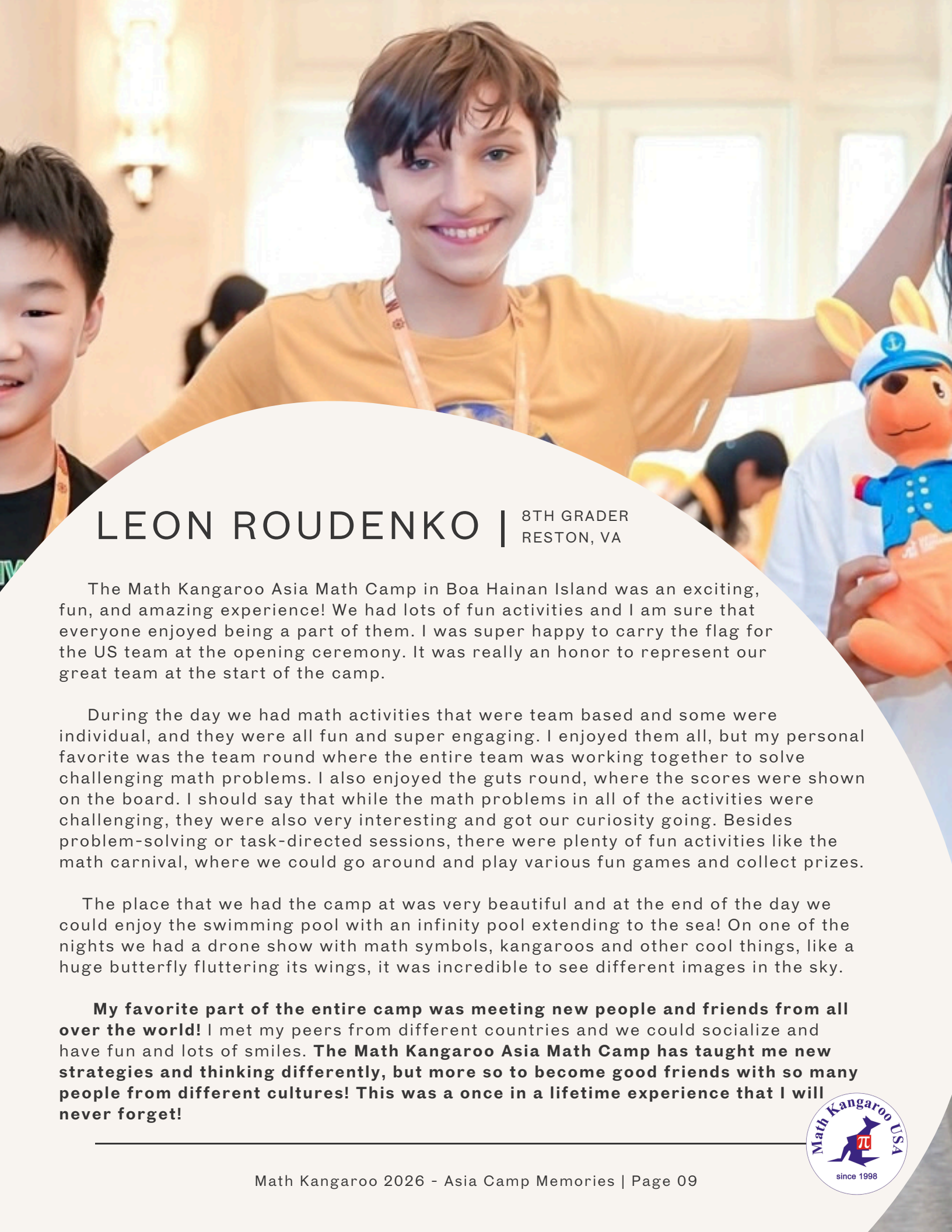


- The carnival was a fun event in which we got to explore math through fun games like Sudoku and Rubik's Cubes. Our goal was to collect as many stamps as possible through solving the puzzles. In the end, we got to exchange the stamps for prizes like Giant Kangaroos and other keepsakes.
- The Math Bazaar was a team collaboration project in which we would explain the mathematics behind famous architectures and structures. I liked that we could design the board however we wanted to convey our research to everyone.

For me, the best part of camp was meeting people from all around the world. Within Team USA, I met many friends from around the country, and during the math camp, I met people from around the world, like Russia, Thailand, China, and many more! Although each of us had a different background, we all shared our passion and obsession with math. Throughout the camp, I made friendships and memories I will always remember. I am also very glad I got to participate in the talent show, and after the camp, I loved relaxing at the pool with my friends.

Looking back, **the Math Kangaroo Asia Camp 2026 was a once in a lifetime experience that inspired me, and I hope I will have the chance to participate again next year. Lastly, I want to sincerely thank everyone who supported this wonderful journey!**





LEON ROUDENKO | 8TH GRADER RESTON, VA

The Math Kangaroo Asia Math Camp in Boa Hainan Island was an exciting, fun, and amazing experience! We had lots of fun activities and I am sure that everyone enjoyed being a part of them. I was super happy to carry the flag for the US team at the opening ceremony. It was really an honor to represent our great team at the start of the camp.

During the day we had math activities that were team based and some were individual, and they were all fun and super engaging. I enjoyed them all, but my personal favorite was the team round where the entire team was working together to solve challenging math problems. I also enjoyed the guts round, where the scores were shown on the board. I should say that while the math problems in all of the activities were challenging, they were also very interesting and got our curiosity going. Besides problem-solving or task-directed sessions, there were plenty of fun activities like the math carnival, where we could go around and play various fun games and collect prizes.

The place that we had the camp at was very beautiful and at the end of the day we could enjoy the swimming pool with an infinity pool extending to the sea! On one of the nights we had a drone show with math symbols, kangaroos and other cool things, like a huge butterfly fluttering its wings, it was incredible to see different images in the sky.

My favorite part of the entire camp was meeting new people and friends from all over the world! I met my peers from different countries and we could socialize and have fun and lots of smiles. **The Math Kangaroo Asia Math Camp has taught me new strategies and thinking differently, but more so to become good friends with so many people from different cultures! This was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget!**

MIRANDA WANG | 8TH GRADER SAN RAMON, CA



The Math Kangaroo Asia Camp in Boao, Hainan Island of China was no doubt the most unforgettable experience of my summer 2026! With over 1000 campers from all over the world, every day was packed with interesting activities, including the engaging Math Bazaar, fun Gala Party, spectacular Drone Show, and interactive math workshops. One of my favorites was the Math Carnival, where I tackled Sudoku puzzles, solved Rubik's Cubes, and played other fun games. Also, I really enjoyed hanging out with my new friends at the outdoor swimming pool with a beautiful view.

The highlight of this camp was the challenging math competitions every day. I was thrilled to win Second Place of my grade in the Individual Round. The team events were also super exciting, especially the Guts Round.

It was very intense with the scores of all teams being updated frequently on a live scoreboard, keeping the pressure at an all-time high. Thanks to our teamwork and good luck, we won First Place in both the Team and Guts Rounds, which pushed our team all the way to Overall First Place. Celebrating with my teammates was a moment I will treasure forever.

Following the math camp, I had an amazing trip to Sanya with some of my new friends before heading home. Hiking through the lush trails of the Yanoda Tropical Rainforest was a very unique and refreshing experience. We also visited the Nanshan Cultural Tourism Zone, where seeing the giant 108-meter-tall Nanhai Guanyin statue rising right out of the sea was incredible.

A huge thanks to Math Kangaroo for inspiring me so much! Meeting math lovers from all around the world and different cultures gave me a great opportunity to share new problem-solving strategies and build lifelong friendships.





The Math Kangaroo Math Camp was one of the most fun camps I have ever attended. Each day was packed with new adventures, including both math and other activities.

Every morning, I woke up excited for the new math activity planned for the day. My favorite round was definitely the Guts round because it gave instant feedback on the screen, so you could see your placement right away. It was also fast-paced and required the most strategy because you didn't want to run out of time on the last sets, but you also didn't want to make mistakes by rushing. I worked really well with my team, earning us several first places. We also won overall first place, which combined all the contests we did.

Aside from math activities, I made many new friends from different countries who are as passionate about math as I am. We also watched movies, played cards for hours, and splashed around in the swimming pool. The camp also had a gala party, where I spent the time playing truth or dare with my friends.

Overall, this camp was an experience I'll never forget. Thank you to the Math Kangaroo Math Camp for creating such a fun and memorable summer.





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