

Nikkei Youth Cultural Heritage Program

2012 General Information

Sponsored by: Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California
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Important Dates:	*exact dates/times TBD
Applications due:	Friday, March 9, 2012
Interviews:	Thursday, March 22 – Wednesday, March 28, 2012*
Applicants notified:	Week of April 9, 2012
Deposit/Forms due:	Friday, May 4, 2012
Final Payment due:	Friday, June 1, 2012 (tentative- depends on fluctuation of fuel svc charge)
Cultural Workshops:	Weekend of June 2*
Departure for Japan:	July 2, 2012*
Arrive in Japan:	July 3, 2012*
Homestay:	July 7- August 3, 2012*
Depart Japan:	August 4, 2012*
Program Debrief/Closing	August 18, 2012

Included in the NYCH Program Fee:

Pre-trip Cultural Education Workshop at either: JCCCNC, JACCC, JCCCW or JCCH
Pre-tour to Tokyo, Hiroshima's Peace Park and Museum, Miyajima, and Kyoto
Summer Intensive Language Course (including text books and afternoon writing classes)
Cultural Arts Classes (Shodo/calligraphy, Ikebana, Karate)
Visit to the Hanshin Earthquake Museum
Additional Excursions to:
 Kyoto, Nara or Osaka, Kobe City tour and Exchange Program (does not include meals)
Homestay (includes breakfast and dinner daily)
Hotel (two nights)
Airport Pick-up Service

Homestay Experience:

To help you get the most out of this program, we have arranged for you to participate in a homestay so you can experience daily Japanese life first-hand and use your new language skills everyday. You will be treated like a member of the family and will be expected to:

- o Have breakfast and dinner each day with your host family
- o Converse with them daily – sharing your thoughts and interests with them
- o Be respectful at all times
 - o Communicate any changes in plans with them well in advance
 - o Most families in Japan are in bed by 10:00-11:00 p.m.
 - o Help your host family when you can (clean your room, wash dishes, etc.)

Air Travel Arrangements:

Discounted group air travel pricing has been secured through Japan Airlines. All travel arrangements will be made through the JCCCNC early in 2012. Due to fluctuations in fuel service charge, full payment for the air ticket may be required by each participant at an earlier date.

You will also need to provide:

A copy of your valid U. S. Passport and copy of your medical insurance card.