

This e-mail is being sent to Kansas 4-H families with members between 10-16-years-old who have an opportunity to host a Japanese youth in their home this summer. It is being sent by Deryl E. Waldren for Rose Scott, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator. Please contact Rose Scott directly, at the below information.

Expand Your Family's Horizons by Hosting a Japanese Youth This Summer

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 24 families this summer. We need host families who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl; most are aged 12 and 13, with a couple delegates aged 14-16. We need to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other. Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps. The focus is *everyday family life*.



Contact: To host a particular youth from the attached list or if you have further questions, please call **Rose Scott, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator**, [785-388-2009](tel:785-388-2009) or [785-565-3197](tel:785-565-3197), or e-mail - sixtykid2@gmail.com.

Benefits: Increase your family's cross-cultural and global understanding, broaden family communication skills, make a new friend from another country, and have fun while learning about Japan in your own home.

How to apply: Families may now apply on-line by visiting: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. There is a required application with references. In addition, there will be an in-home interview conducted as well as background checks conducted for all adults living in the household.

What you do: The host family treats the delegate as a family member (rather than a tourist/guest), and keep a "regular" family schedule. That could mean chores, fairs, camping, ballgames, etc.... very busy – or not so busy. It just depends on what your family likes to do! Most delegates will have studied English for one year in school. They are usually shy and don't want to make mistakes – so the first few days getting them to talk may be a challenge! The host family needs to be pro-active on ways to communicate without words, or using a Japanese/English translation dictionary, etc. We try to get all to attend a "mid-point" gathering – usually a picnic or swim party, so they can meet with other Japanese kids and their chaperones. Also, the host family can visit with the Japanese chaperones if they are having challenges and need assistance. Chaperones are always available by phone, when needed.

Please see the attachment for a listing of Japanese youth needing host families for 2018.

Girls	First Name	F/M	Age	Interests and Likes	Special Health Items/Notes
G1	Kana N.	F	16	Reading, animals (goats), cycling, going to museums, zoos or farms	None
G2	Mikuri N.	F	13	Singing, cooking, dancing and playing with babies	None
G3	Mugiho K.	F	13	Reading, cooking, outdoor activities, animals (dog, rabbit), dancing	None
G4	Nami M.	F	13	Cooking, shopping, card games (Uno), outdoor activities, dodge ball	None
G5	Yu H.	F	13	Animals, cooking, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, music	None
G6	Haru S.	F	13	Tennis, reading, outdoor activities, sewing, cooking, piano	None
G7	Sae N.	F	14	Dancing, music, drawing, painting, running	None
G8	Miyuna K.	F	13	Reading, drawing, dancing, swimming, outdoor activities	Motion sickness, constipation, stomach aches
G9	Hanano Y.	F	13	Cooking, swimming, music, playing sports, arts & crafts	Motion sickness
G10	Yui Y.	F	13	Cooking, video games, animals, museums, playing with children	Itchy eyes
G11	Nagisa K.	F	16	Cooking, music, photography, outdoor activities	Spleen and gallbladder removed; scoliosis
G12	Mebuki H.	F	13	Volleyball, table tennis, animals , outdoor activities, video games	None
G13	Yuzuha I.	F	12	Singing, arts & crafts, outdoor activities, video games	Allergic to peanuts, cats; prone to nosebleeds and inflammation of salivary glands
G14	Haruka F	F	13	Badminton, music, wants to take care of animals and go camping	None
G15	Wakana A.	F	12	Reading, swimming, music	Allergic to shrimp, crab, squid, octopus, shellfish, cats and dogs; asthma; motion sickness
Boys	First Name	F/M	Age	Interests and Likes	Special Health Items/Notes
B1	Yosuke K.	M	14	Tennis, soccer, baseball, table tennis, animals, nature	None
B2	Taiga S.	M	13	Soccer, animals, music, drawing	None
B3	Kohei M.	M	13	Sports, history, outdoor activities	Mild allergies to cats, dust and Japanese cedar pollen
B4	Ryosuke K.	M	13	Tennis, soccer, fishing, traveling, shopping	Occasional nose bleeds; mild allergies to dust, cats and Japanese cedar pollen
B5	Eiki I.	M	13	Soccer, animals (cat), outdoor activities	None
B6	Shinjiro O.	M	13	Swimming, video games, cat, fish/aquariums, outdoor activities	Cold sores wen very tired
B7	Kazuma S.	M	12	Animals, trampoline, piano, outdoor activities, video games	None
B8	Yuto Y.	M	12	Dogs, soccer, Pokemon, video games	Eating cheese makes him sick
B9	Rikuto M.	M	12	Football, skating, piano, eating, wants to go to an amusement park	Dry skin, allergic to dust

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