



Summer 2024 Marlboro-Nanto Youth Exchange Program

**Information
Session**
3-7-2024
7:30-8:45pm
Marlboro Rec Center

The Marlboro-Nanto Youth Exchange Program has forged a relationship between Marlboro Township and Nanto City, Japan. The intent of the program is to appreciate cultural differences and foster a sense of global understanding among the students and their families.

- **Founded in 1991**
- **History of membership in Sister-Cities International in Washington, D.C.**
- **Non-profit organization that relies on community fundraising**

Marlboro Host Families

Over 200 Japanese students have been welcomed into the homes of over 100 Marlboro host families. Nanto City students visit Marlboro every other summer. Typically, two Nanto City students will stay in a home with a host child of the same gender. The host child is typically between the ages of 13 and 18.

- **Students visit for one week typically arriving late in the summer**
- **Students and host families get to know each other at a Welcome Reception**
- **Students receive a photo ID for the Marlboro Swim Club for their stay and an optional day at the swim club is often organized for everyone**
- **A day trip to New York and another to Philadelphia are scheduled during the visit for the students and interested host family members**
- **Other activities are organized including a tour of Marlboro municipal buildings and schools**
- **During the times when no structured activities are scheduled, the students get a glimpse of the life of a typical American family**
- **A Sayonara Dinner Party ends the week where the students put on a special performance to thank the host families**

Traveling to Japan

Over 100 Marlboro students have traveled to Japan as student ambassadors representing the township as part of this program. During the two week trip, Marlboro students tour Kyoto, the former imperial capital of Japan, Hiroshima, and the metropolitan city of Tokyo with chaperones from Marlboro, in addition to their week long home stay with families in Nanto City. Typically, two Marlboro students will jointly stay with the host family. During the home stay, Nanto City provides trips for all Marlboro students to various places of interest in the area. The week concludes with a Sayonara dinner party where our Marlboro student ambassadors thank Nanto City with a presentation. In preparation for the trip, Marlboro students meet regularly as a group to learn about the culture and language of Japan. This tremendous opportunity is offered every other summer to students who are selected to represent Marlboro Township as young ambassadors. Consideration for students to travel to Japan include:

- **Written essay**
- **Hosting of Nanto City students**
- **Participation in fundraising activities and events**

The costs incurred by the family for the trip vary based on various factors including the air fares and the exchange rate. Travelers are expected to participate in fundraising activities and to represent the program at various events both before and after hosting the Japanese students, including a Town Council Presentation of their trip.

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