



Host Families Needed For October 4th to October 15th, 2019 Japanese Student Visit

The Town of Stony Plain has been a Sister City to the Town of Shikaoi, in Hokkaido, Japan for the past 34 years – quite a milestone! The students have been travelling to Stony Plain every year since 1997. It is difficult to imagine that adult and student delegations have been going back and forth between these two towns for so long. Many lasting friendships have been formed, and communication between community members on both sides continues to this day.

It is now time to prepare for the students who will be travelling to Stony Plain from Shikaoi from **October 4th to October 15th, 2019**. While here, the students will stay with host families, attend classes at Memorial Composite High School and experience Canadian life. We are expecting approximately 60 students from Shikaoi High School this year. While in Stony Plain, host families are needed to accommodate two students in their home for a period of 10 days.

So what's involved in being a host family? It is opening your home, your hearts, and your minds to another culture. You do not have to know how to speak Japanese – charades and sign language work very well! The students know some English and communicate to the best of their ability.

It's a whirlwind 10 days. In addition to doing what you would normally do as a family (the students especially love being part of our Thanksgiving Day traditions), the following is a tentative schedule of planned activities that you and your family would be invited to be part of.

Friday, October 4	Students Arrive Welcome Meet & Greet
Saturday, October 5	Family Event (to be determined)
Monday, October 7	School Visit/Showcase
Tuesday October 8	Students attend Stony Plain Memorial High School
Wednesday, October 9	Shikaoi students travel by bus to Jasper
Thursday, October 10	Shikaoi students return from Jasper Cultural Showcase & Banquet
Friday, October 11	Field Trip
Saturday, October 12 to Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Weekend Students spend time with Host Families
Tuesday, October 15	Farewell Breakfast Students return to Japan

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Host Family Biography Form October 4th to October 15th, 2019

Family Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 City/Town: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____
 Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____
 Daytime phone #: _____ Daytime phone #: _____
 Cell phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____

Fun activities that you like to do as a family:

Children **currently** living at home: *(please list names, ages, gender and school they attend)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Smoking household: Yes _____ No _____ Inside or Outside Smokers

Pets: *(For allergy purposes it's important to have this information – please include ALL animals)*

Inside: _____ Outside: _____

Student preference: Male _____ Female _____ No Preference _____

Preference will be given to those families who have previously hosted unless there are unavoidable circumstances

If you know the name(s) of students you would like to host, please provide them:

Busing requirements: *(Please fill out this item if your home stay student will have to take the bus to school)*

Route Number: _____ Drivers Name: _____
 Bus Number: _____ #2 Bus Number: _____
(if transfer required)

Additional Information: *(please use the back of this form if you require more space)*

Please complete this form and return by **Aug. 23, 2019** or sooner if possible: