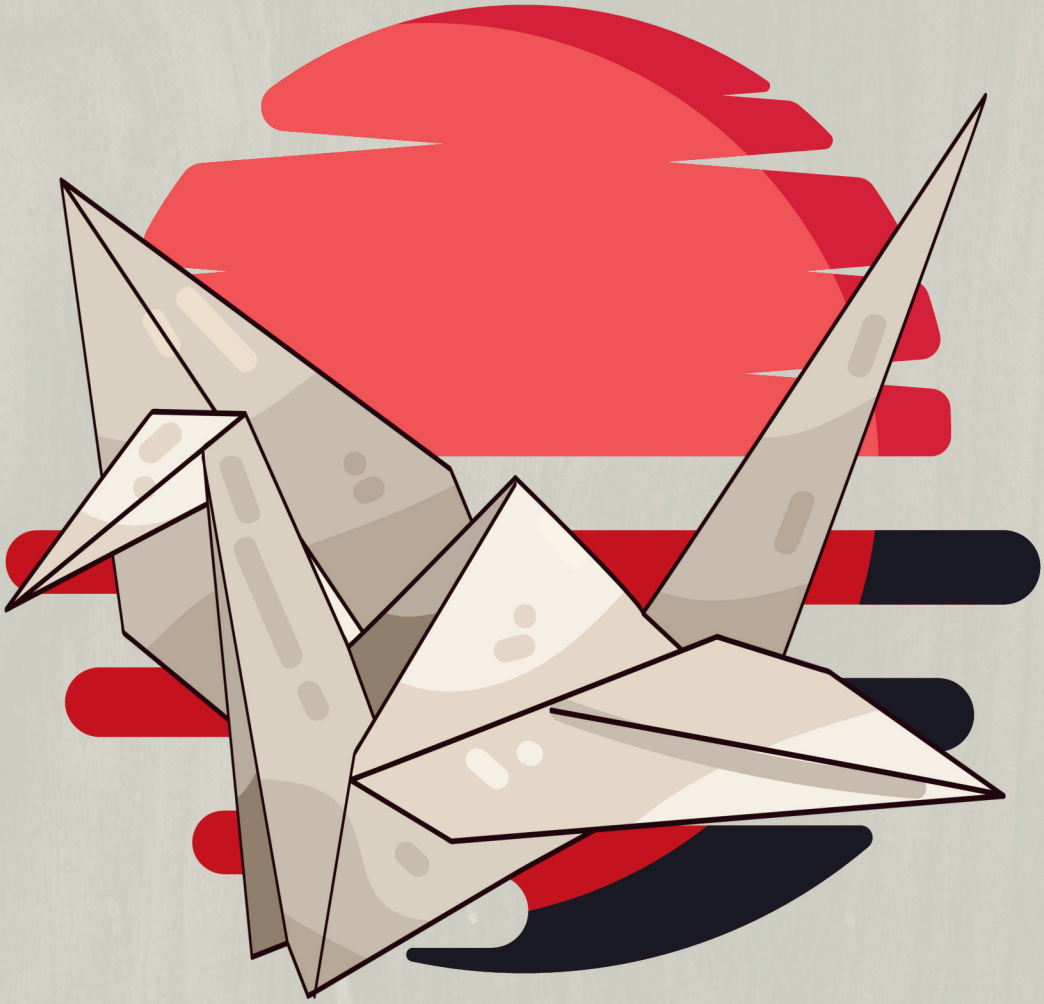
Cambridge-Yamate

JAPAN HOMESTAY EXCHANGE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY BRIDGE TO ASIA

HOST: APRIL 9 - APRIL 23, 2027
TRAVEL: JULY 16 - JULY 31, 2027

"This experience has truly shaped my future and, if given the opportunity, I would do it again every single time!"
-Nico, 2025

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Meet Your Chaperones

LETTER TO HOST FAMILIES

CAMBRIDGE FAMILIES,

In April, Cambridge families will host 42 Japanese students from Yokohama, Japan. We invite you to be a host family for our guests from April 9th-April 23rd, 2027.

Host families will be expected to provide:

- a bed for each of your hosted students (can be in the same room);
- breakfast each day, lunch on weekends, and dinner most nights;
- transportation to & from Cambridge High School (can be the bus) and to & from some program events;

The Japanese students will attend classes at Cambridge during the week and we will have some organized group activities for them. Apart from that, please make your guests feel at home by sharing with them your daily lives and routines.

You may be thinking to yourself, "how will I entertain Japanese exchange students?". Don't worry about providing thrills or expensive entertainment, the Japanese students are here to experience American life. Activities could include going to The Collection at Forsyth, Halcyon, Avalon, or it could be as simple as a trip to Trader Joes, Costco, the movies, or even the local Chick-fil-A! Why not bring them to see our Cambridge Bears play soccer or baseball? Taking them hiking or bike riding are fantastic options. And there are always trips to Atlanta. The point is, you'll discover that you have more than enough to offer in the two weeks they'll be with you.

It's an awesome opportunity for the Japanese students but also for your family as well. You'll be amazed how much you can learn from them about Japanese culture, how quickly you become attached to your guests, and how much joy you get from sharing your American life and experiences with them.

Families like yours are what make it possible for us to participate in this exchange. So, please fill out the application if you are interested or visit www.bridgetoasia.org or email us at chsbridgeasia@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

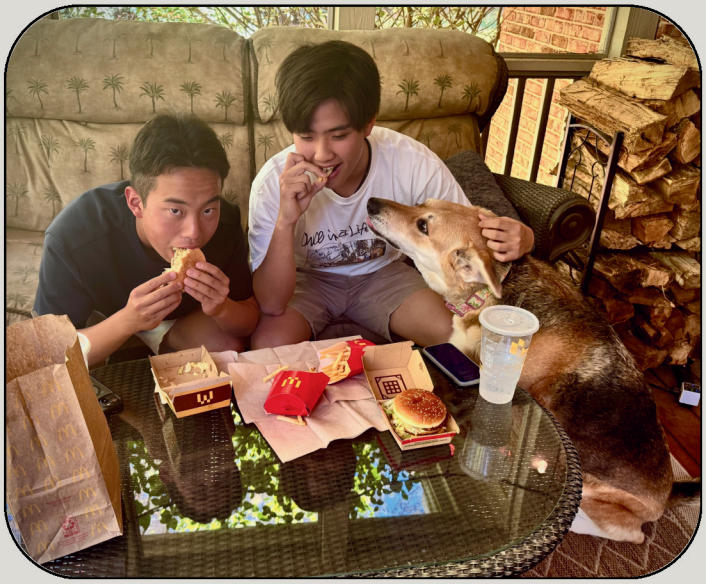


HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

01.

HOST DATES:
APRIL 9 - APRIL 23

IN APRIL, 42 JAPANESE STUDENTS FROM YAMATE-GAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE VISITING CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL. TWENTY-TWO CAMBRIDGE HOST FAMILIES WILL WELCOME 2 JAPANESE STUDENTS EACH INTO THEIR HOME FOR 2 WEEKS.



02.

WHAT DOES A HOST FAMILY DO?



- HAPPY HOME
- SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS
- MEALS
- LIFESTYLE AND HOBBIES
- DAILY INTERACTION
- TRANSPORTATION

03.

HOW DO I APPLY?

FIND THE APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE AND EMAIL IT TO OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

04.

HOW MUCH DOES HOSTING COST?

ONLY BASIC LIVING EXPENSES.... ALL ADMISSIONS TO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES ARE COVERED BY THE PROGRAM.



HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

CAMBRIDGE-YAMATE EXCHANGE 2027

Cambridge Host Student Information

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Cell: (___) _____

Student non-school Email: _____

Cambridge Host Parent/Head of Household Information

Parent/Adult #1 Name: _____

Parent/Adult #1 Cell: (___) _____

Parent/Adult #1 Email: _____

Parent/Adult #2 Name: _____

How many live in your home: Adults? _____ Children? _____ Pets? _____

Please list any extracurricular activities, sports, hobbies, or other interests your host student and/or family might like to share with your Japanese guests.

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HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

CAMBRIDGE-YAMATE EXCHANGE 2027

Cambridge Host General Household Information

Do you have any pets? YES NO If yes, please list the Name and Type of pet:

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_____

Does anyone in your home smoke or vape? YES NO

Does anyone in your home have allergies? YES NO If yes, please list:

_____

Has anyone in your home ever hosted an international student? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

_____

Has anyone in your home ever traveled outside of the US? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

_____

Submit this form at: chsbridgeasia@gmail.com.

Or, you can fill out this form electronically at www.bridgetoasia.org.

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who are the students that will come to Cambridge?

- Students are juniors at Yamate-Gakuin High School in Yokohama, Japan and are typically around 17 years old.

How many students will families host?

- Host families will typically host a pair of Japanese students.

Can families ask to host only one student?

- Yes. While it the program is designed for host families to host two students, families may request to host a single student. However, families that can host two students will be given first preference.

What is the host family expected to provide?

- Host families provide a place to sleep with privacy (not in a common area), all meals unless provided during an excursion or event, transportation to/from school and transportation to/from some events.

Will host families have to pick up exchange students from the airport?

- No. Yamate-Gakuin chaperones will arrange their own student transportation to and from Hartsfield Jackson International Airport to Cambridge HS. Host families will need to pick up their exchange students from Cambridge on the day of arrival and bring them to Cambridge on the day of their return to Japan.

Do the Japanese students speak English?

- Yes. Yamate-Gakuin students can speak English. However, Japanese students can also be shy, so patience is a virtue.

How are the students placed with families?

- Students are placed with hosts based on gender and, where possible, common interests.

What costs are there to the host family?

- Aside from covering the costs of housing and feeding the students, they will bring their own spending money and entrance fees or tickets to any program events are covered.

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We are very busy. Is that a problem?

- Probably not. The students from Yamate-Gakuin are looking for a typical American experience when they are not in school. Host families simply need to be able to include them in their daily lives, the same as they would with their own children.

What happens if we want to take a trip while our exchange students are staying with us?

- No problem. Simply take the Yamate-Gakuin students with you, but they cannot miss school or required program events. Host families will be responsible for any additional expense incurred by such travel.

Can I let my exchange students take a trip to Atlanta or explore the community by themselves?

- No. Host families agree that either an adult from the family or the host student or both will accompany the Yamate-Gakuin students whenever they are not at school or at a program event or excursion.

Do host families have to have a student enrolled at Cambridge?

- Yes. Because this is a cultural exchange, the expectation is that host families will have a student at Cambridge HS.

We've never hosted an exchange student before. Is that a problem?

- No. There is a first time for everything, and we enthusiastically welcome first-time host families!

Can we host even if my Cambridge student will not be going to Japan?

- Yes. While host students will get first priority for the return exchange roster in the summer, there is no requirement for host students to travel.

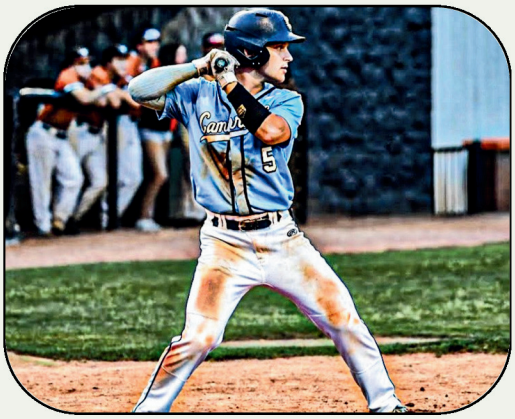
What kind of support do host families receive?

- Yamate-Gakuin chaperones, and, where appropriate, our Bridge to Asia team can provide assistance in the event of an emergency. For families looking for suggestions or ideas on what to do with their Yamate-Gakuin students, we can help but we encourage families to also ask their guests what they'd like.

WHAT WILL OUR GUESTS SEE/DO?

CHS BASEBALL GAME

YAMATE STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A CAMBRIDGE BEARS HOME BASEBALL GAME. DATE TBD. HOST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



CHS CULTURE NIGHT

YAMATE STUDENTS WILL PRESENT A SERIES OF DISPLAYS AND PERFORMANCES DEMONSTRATING JAPANESE CULTURE. HOST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WILL BE INVITED & EXPECTED TO ATTEND.



CHS SOCCER GAME

YAMATE STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND A CAMBRIDGE BEARS HOME SOCCER GAME. DATE TBD. HOST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



CHS ATTEND CLASSES

YAMATE STUDENTS WILL ATTEND CLASSES WITH THEIR HOST STUDENTS AND ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SOME PLANNED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES.



WHAT WILL OUR GUESTS SEE/DO?

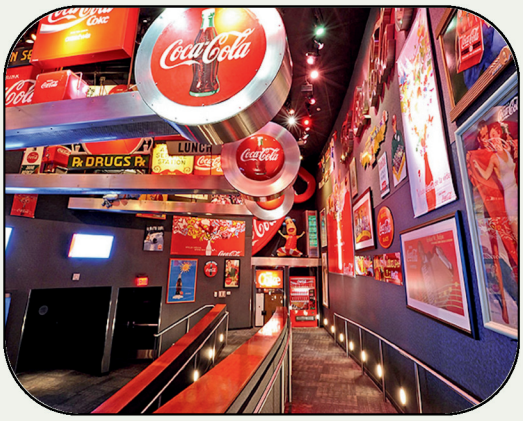
ATL BRAVES BASEBALL

YAMATE STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES WILL ATTEND A BRAVES BASEBALL GAME. HOST FAMILIES WILL NEED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THEIR GUEST STUDENTS.



ATL ATLANTA EXCURSION

YAMATE STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES WILL VISIT THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM AND THE WORLD OF COCA-COLA. BUSES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE BRIDGE TO ASIA PROGRAM.



MLT MILTON/ALPHARETTA

HOST FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHOW THEIR GUESTS SOME OF WHAT MILTON/ALPHARETTA HAS TO OFFER. THIS IS AT THE HOST FAMILY'S DISCRETION.



HOST ITINERARY

EVENTS AT CAMBRIDGE HS:

- CULTURE NIGHT
- CAMBRIDGE BEARS BASEBALL
- CAMBRIDGE BEARS SOCCER

TBD

TBD

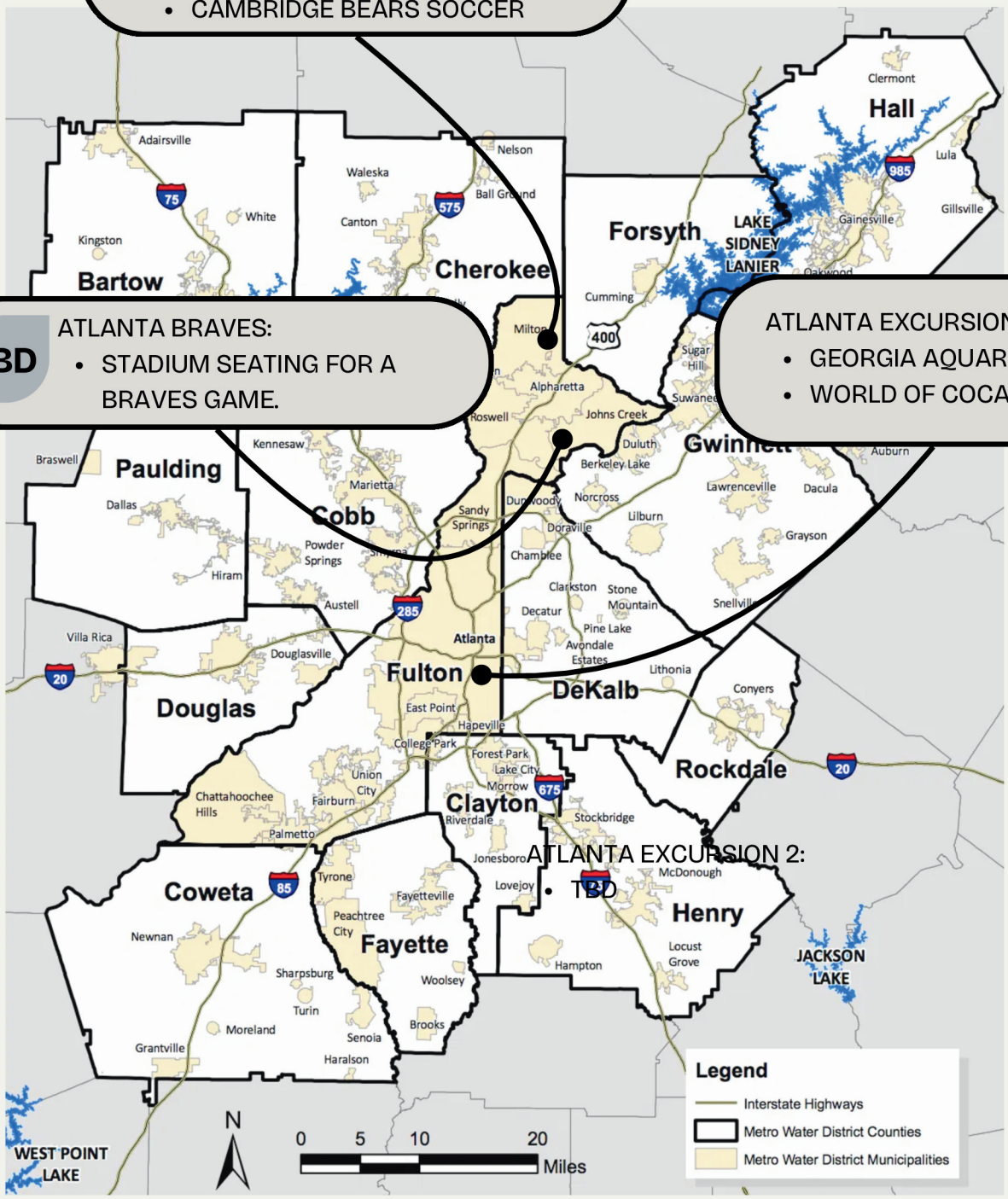
ATLANTA BRAVES:

- STADIUM SEATING FOR A BRAVES GAME.

ATLANTA EXCURSION:

- GEORGIA AQUARIUM
- WORLD OF COCA-COLA

TBD



ATLANTA EXCURSION 2:

- TBD

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

NOTES

MAKE YOUR OWN NOTES HERE:

LETTER TO POTENTIAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS,

In July, we will have the opportunity to send a number of Cambridge students equal to the number of host families in our community to Yokohama, Japan to be guests of Yamate-Gakuin High School and the surrounding community. Our students will leave on the 16th of July and are estimated to return on July 31st, 2027.

Embarking on this kind of exchange trip to Japan is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to explore a rich and fascinating culture while developing invaluable life skills. By experiencing the vibrant cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, students will gain firsthand insight into a culture that blends modern innovation with centuries-old traditions. Beyond cultural enrichment, the trip encourages independence, fosters global friendships, and enhances appreciation for diversity all while creating memories that will last a lifetime. Parents can feel confident knowing their children will return with a broader perspective of the world and a newfound appreciation for travel and experiential learning.

Participating in a cultural exchange program to Japan isn't just a memorable adventure — it's also a standout addition to college applications. Admissions officers value students who demonstrate curiosity, global awareness, and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. Traveling abroad showcases qualities like adaptability, problem-solving, and cultural competency, which are increasingly important in today's interconnected world. Highlighting this experience on applications signals to colleges that a student is well-rounded, capable of thriving in diverse environments, and committed to personal growth. It's an impressive way to set applicants apart in a competitive admissions process while gaining skills that will have benefits far beyond college.

Finally, Japan is renowned for its friendly people, deep respect for others, and exceptional safety, making it an ideal destination for students traveling abroad. Japan's emphasis on respect and harmony is evident in everything from its orderly streets to its courteous social interactions. Additionally, Japan consistently ranks as one of the safest countries in the world, with low crime rates and a strong focus on community well-being. Parents can feel reassured knowing their children will be exploring a country that values kindness, respect, and safety at every turn. And students will feel comfortable exploring in such an amicable and welcoming environment.

Sincerely,



EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION

01.

TRAVEL DATES:
JULY 16 - JULY 31

CAMBRIDGE WILL SEND UP TO 22 STUDENTS TO JAPAN, FLYING INTO HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN TOKYO AFTER WHICH THEY WILL MEET THEIR HOST FAMILIES.



02. WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT IN JAPAN?



- HOT & HUMID WEATHER
- BEAUTIFUL SCENERY
- POLITE PEOPLE
- CLEAN AND SAFE CITIES
- HISTORY & CULTURE
- GREAT FOOD

03. HOW DO I APPLY?

FILL OUT AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, PAY THE DEPOSIT, AND MAKE THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS. GET YOUR PASSPORT BY END OF MARCH!

04. WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME IN JAPAN?

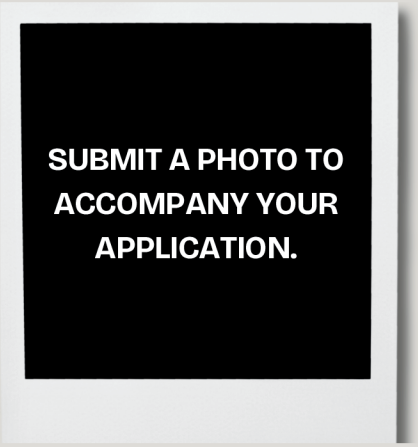
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE QUIET
- BE PUNCTUAL
- DRESS MODESTLY
- TRY THE FOOD



EXCHANGE STUDENT APPLICATION

CAMBRIDGE-YAMATE EXCHANGE 2027

Cambridge Exchange Student Information



Full Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Current GPA: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Cell: (___) _____

Student Email: _____

Did your family host an exchange student from Japan? YES ___ NO ___

Do you prefer single accommodation (cannot guarantee)? YES ___ NO ___

Cambridge Exchange Student Parent/Head of Household Information

Parent/Adult #1 Name: _____

Parent/Adult #1 Cell: (___) _____

Parent/Adult #1 Email: _____

Parent/Adult #2 Name: _____

EXCHANGE STUDENT APPLICATION

CAMBRIDGE-YAMATE EXCHANGE 2027

Why do you want to travel to Japan?

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Explain why you would be a good representative of Cambridge HS and the USA.

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Have you ever traveled outside the US? _____ If so, describe when, where, and why.

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Foods you like: _____ Foods you dislike: _____

Interests and hobbies: _____

Extracurricular activities: _____

List allergies that may affect host family placement (i.e. animal & food allergies):

_____

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Or, you can fill out this form electronically at www.bridgetoasia.org.

EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do students apply to go to Japan?

- Students fill out and turn in their travel application. Once a student is approved and a $500.00 deposit is made, that student has secured their spot on the roster. Regular payments towards the balance of the cost must be made to stay on the roster, and the full balance must be paid by March 31st.

Can students who didn't host still travel to Japan?

- Potentially. But strong preference is given to host students first. After all host students who wish to travel have been accommodated, if any spots remain we will review applications for other students. However, it is unlikely that spots will remain as we usually have more applications to travel than we have spots on the return visit.

How much does the trip to Japan cost?

- The total cost of the trip to Japan is expected to be $4000.00. This includes all travel, all program fees, all admission fees, lodging with host families, and most meals. Travelling students should also plan to bring some spending money.

Can students book their own ticket or use frequent flyer miles?

- No. We must buy the tickets in a block to ensure everyone arrives and leaves at the same time.

What is not included in the program cost?

- Only spending money and some meals are not included. All other costs are covered. Consider bringing a few hundred dollars in cash (converted to yen) and at least one good credit/debit card for emergencies.

What if a student cancels their participation? Can they get a refund?

- The $500 deposit is nonrefundable. Students who cancel their participation before March 31st, will be refunded any payments minus the deposit within 60 days. After March 31st, no refunds will be issued.

EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do students need a passport and/or visa to travel to Japan?

- Students must have a valid passport to travel to Japan, and the passport must be valid through at least December 2027 and have at least one blank page. However, no visa is required for US citizens to travel to Japan. Non-US citizen legal residents should consult the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for entry rules regarding their country-of-origin.

By when must students have their passport?

- Students must have a receipt of purchase by January 10th and their passport in hand no later than March 31st. Students without passports in hand by that date may be dropped from the roster on or after April 1st.

Where will students stay?

- Students stay in pairs with a Japanese host family. If their families hosted Japanese students here, they may stay with the family of the student they hosted, or they may have an opportunity to meet a new family.

Will American students attend Japanese classes?

- American students will attend one day of classes at Yamate-Gakuin HS. Other than that, students are given time to immerse themselves in Japanese cuisine, culture, and history. There will also be guided excursions to locations in & around Yokohama and Tokyo - see itinerary for more details.

Will students be allowed to wander alone in Japan?

- No. Students must always be present with either their host student or another student from Cambridge and itineraries must be approved by host families and shared with Cambridge chaperones 24 hours prior to travel. No overnight stays apart from the host family are permitted.

Should students bring a gift for their host family?

- Yes, this is strongly encouraged as a show of gratitude and respect. Students should consider something from Georgia as a gift, like local candies or snacks, or Braves merchandise, or picture books about Alpharetta/Milton, Atlanta, or Georgia.

EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are students expected to have knowledge of the Japanese language?

- No. Japanese host families do not expect visiting American students to speak Japanese. All excursions will have English speaking guides. However, students will have an opportunity to learn some basic Japanese words and phrases before departure.

What should students wear in Japan?

- Students should wear breathable fabrics and thin short-sleeved shirts, sundresses, pants, or shorts. A hat and sunglasses can help protect from the sun. In general, Japanese women don't expose their shoulders or wear clothing with low-cut necklines. Shorts for both men and women should come to the mid-thigh at shortest. Sneakers are very acceptable. Pajamas, sweatpants, track suites, leggings, and running shorts in public are generally not acceptable. Any tattoos should be covered.

Can students get American medicines in Japan?

- Many common American OTC medicines or their equivalents, including menstrual hygiene products, are readily available in Japan, but students can also bring their own. Students should plan to bring their own prescription medications in their original labeled containers.

Will students' cellphones work in Japan?

- Most US smart phones will work in Japan, but students should check with their carrier for coverage and data rates. It will not be necessary to purchase a Japanese sim card.

Is Japan safe?

- Absolutely. Japan is one of the safest countries in the world, and the Japanese have a well-earned reputation for civility and courtesy. Both Tokyo and Yokohama are consistently ranked among the safest cities in the world.

Can parents travel with students?

- Unfortunately, no. The number of chaperones is strictly set and Yamate-Gakuin does not offer accommodation for additional adult travelers.

WHAT WILL EXCHANGE STUDENTS SEE/DO?

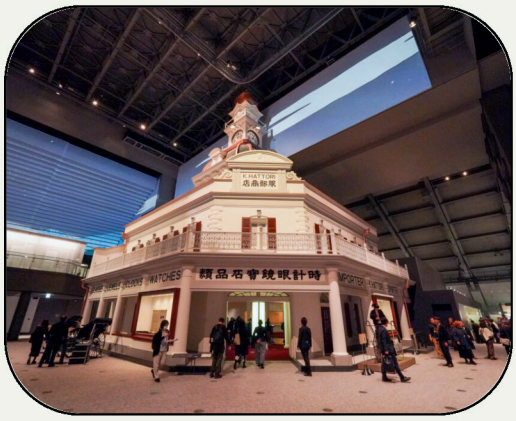
TYO ASAKUSA & SENSŌJI TEMPLE

ASAKUSA (浅草) IS THE CENTER OF TOKYO'S SHITAMACHI (LITERALLY "LOW CITY"), WHERE STUDENTS WILL SEE “OLD TOKYO” PRESERVED, INCLUDING THE SENSŌJI TEMPLE AND THUNDER GATE.



TYO EDO-TOKYO MUSEUM

THE EDO-TOKYO MUSEUM FEATURES REPLICAS OF HISTORICAL SITES LIKE THE NIHONBASHI BRIDGE. ALSO FEATURED ARE EXHIBITS OF TOKYO THROUGH THE MEIJI, TAISHO, AND SHOWA PERIODS.



YOK YOKOHAMA DAY

EXPERIENCE ATTRACTIONS LIKE COSMO WORLD AND THE CUP NOODLES MUSEUM. STUDENTS CAN ALSO VISIT YOKOHAMA’S CHINATOWN OR SHOP IN THE MOTOMACHI DISTRICT.



TYO TOKYO DISNEYSEA

DISNEYSEA IS UNIQUE TO JAPAN AND IS DISNEY’S ONLY THEME PARK CONCEIVED ENTIRELY ABOUT MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF THE SEA.



SITES AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOKOHAMA*

HKN LAKE ASHI & HAKONE SHRINE

LAKE ASHINOKO (芦ノ湖) WAS FORMED IN THE CALDERA OF MOUNT HAKONE AFTER THE VOLCANO'S ERUPTION 3000 YEARS AGO. IT'S HOME TO ONE OF JAPAN'S FAMED SHINTO SHRINES. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~1.5 - 2 HOURS.



HKN ODAWARA KEEP & MUSEUM

ODAWARA CASTLE (小田原城) WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE 15TH CENTURY DURING JAPAN'S WARRING STATES PERIOD. THE NINJA MUSEUM AND THE SAMURAI MUSEUM ARE NEARBY. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~1 HOUR.



HKN OWAKUDANI

CALLED "HELL VALLEY" (地獄谷) BY LOCALS, THIS IS AN ACTIVE VOLCANIC VALLEY IN HAKONE KNOWN FOR ITS FAMOUS "BLACK EGGS". SUPERSTITION HOLDS THAT EATING ONE ADDS SEVEN YEARS OF LIFE. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~1 HOUR.



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SITES AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOKOHAMA*

KMU KAMAKURA DAIBUTSU

THE GREAT BUDDHA OF KAMAKURA (鎌倉大仏) IS A MASSIVE BRONZE STATUE OF AMIDA BUDDHA. THE STATUE WAS ORIGINALLY CAST IN 1252 AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN JAPAN. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~30 MINUTES.



KMU BAMBOO TEMPLE

HOKOKUJI TEMPLE (報国寺) IS A ZEN TEMPLE FOUNDED IN THE 14TH CENTURY. THE TEMPLE IS MOST FAMOUS FOR ITS SURROUNDING BAMBOO GROVE. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~30 MINUTES.



KMU BEACHES OF KAMAKURA

KAMAKURA'S TWO MOST POPULAR BEACHES MAKE GREAT PLACES TO GET AWAY FROM THE BUSTLE OF THE CITY. CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SWIM IN OPEN WATER. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~ 1 HOUR.



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SITES AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOKOHAMA*

KWE KAWAGOE

STROLL THROUGH THE EDO-PERIOD STREETS OF THIS SMALL TOWN THAT HAS A VERY KYOTO-VIBE. THE KAWAGOE HIKAWA SHRINE IS A MUST-SEE. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~1.5 HOURS.



KWS KAWASAKI

KAWASAKI IS THE 8TH LARGEST CITY IN JAPAN AND IS HOME TO THE TOKYO SYMPHONY-ORCHESTRA. YOU CAN VISIT THE DAISHI TEMPLE OR GO TO THE TOSHIBA SCIENCE MUSEUM FOR A FUTURISTIC EXPERIENCE. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~20 MINUTES.



YOS YOKOSUKA

YOKOSUKA IS ONE OF JAPAN'S MANY PORT CITIES, AND HOME TO BOTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE NAVAL BASES. VISIT THE JAPANESE BATTLESHIP MIKASA MUSEUM OR SPEND TIME IN THE ARCADES OF DOBUITA STREET. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~ 30 MINUTES.



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SITES AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOKOHAMA*

FJS MOUNT FUJI

MOUNT FUJISAN (富士山) IS JAPAN'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN AND WORSHIPPED AS SACRED IN THE SHINTO RELIGION. CLOUDS AND POOR VISIBILITY OFTEN BLOCK THE VIEW OF MOUNT FUJI, BUT IT IS OPEN FOR HIKING IN JULY. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~1.5 HOURS.



TYO SHIBUYA CROSSING

JUST OUTSIDE OF SHIBUYA TRAIN STATION IS THE BUSIEST PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN THE WORLD, THE SHIBUYA CROSSING. VISIT THE GIANT STARBUCKS AT SHIBUYA AND GRAB A WINDOW SEAT FOR AN AMAZING VIEW. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~30 MINUTES.



TYO HACHIKO STATUE

NEAR SHIBUYA STATION IS THE BRONZE HACHIKO STATUE - HONORING A LOYAL DOG WHO WAITED FOR HIS HUMAN AT SHIBUYA STATION EVERY DAY (EVEN FOR MANY YEARS AFTER HIS HUMAN HAD DIED). TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~30 MINUTES.



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SITES AND ACTIVITIES NEAR YOKOHAMA*

TYO TOKYO SKYTREE

THE TOKYO SKYTREE IS JAPAN'S TALLEST TOWER AND THE THIRD TALLEST STRUCTURE IN THE WORLD AT 2,080 FEET. VISIT THE OBSERVATION DECK TO SEE UNRIVALED 360 DEGREE VIEWS OF TOKYO. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~30 MINUTES.



TYO GHIBLI MUSEUM

THE GHIBLI MUSEUM HOUSES EXHIBITS DEDICATED ONE OF JAPAN'S MOST FAMOUS ANIMATION STUDIOS. THE MUSEUM ITSELF IS WHIMSICALLY DESIGNED IN THE DISTINCT STYLE OF THE STUDIO'S FILMS. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA ~45 MINUTES.



TYO SUNSHINE CITY

SUNSHINE CITY IS A MIXED-USE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN TOKYO. THERE IS AN ACQUARIUM, A POKEMON MEGAPLEX, AND OVER 200 SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~45 MINUTES.



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GTB MT. FUJI TAIKO FESTIVAL

TAIKO DRUMS HAVE BEEN USED IN JAPAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. BUT MODERN DRUM ENSEMBLES BECAME COMMON IN THE 1950S. IN JULY, THE MT. FUJI TAIKO FESTIVAL IS HELD IN GOTEMBA. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~1.5 TO ~2 HOURS.



TYO TRADITIONAL KABUKI

KABUKI THEATER IS A KIND OF TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE AND DANCE THAT DATES BACK HUNDREDS OF YEARS AND ROSE TO POPULARITY DURING THE EDO PERIOD. PERFORMANCES FREQUENTLY OCCUR, BUT THE BEST ARE AT KABUKIZA IN TOKYO. TRAVEL TIMES VARY.



NGA GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENT

SUMO IS JAPAN'S NATIONAL SPORT AND FROM JULY 11-25 THE JULY GRAND SUMO TOURNAMENT IS HELD IN NAGOYA. TICKETS GO ON SALE ONE MONTH BEFORE AND SELL FAST. MATCHES LATE IN THE DAY ARE MORE COMPETITIVE. TRAVEL TIME FROM YOKOHAMA: ~1.5 HOURS BY TRAIN.



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TRAVEL ITINERARY

HANEDA INTL AIRPORT: **7/17**

- AFTER WHICH YOU WILL MEET YOUR HOST FAMILY.

TOKYO EXCURSION 1: **TBD**

- ASAKUSA
- SENSŌJI TEMPLE
- EDO MUSEUM

YOKOHAMA DAY: **TBD**

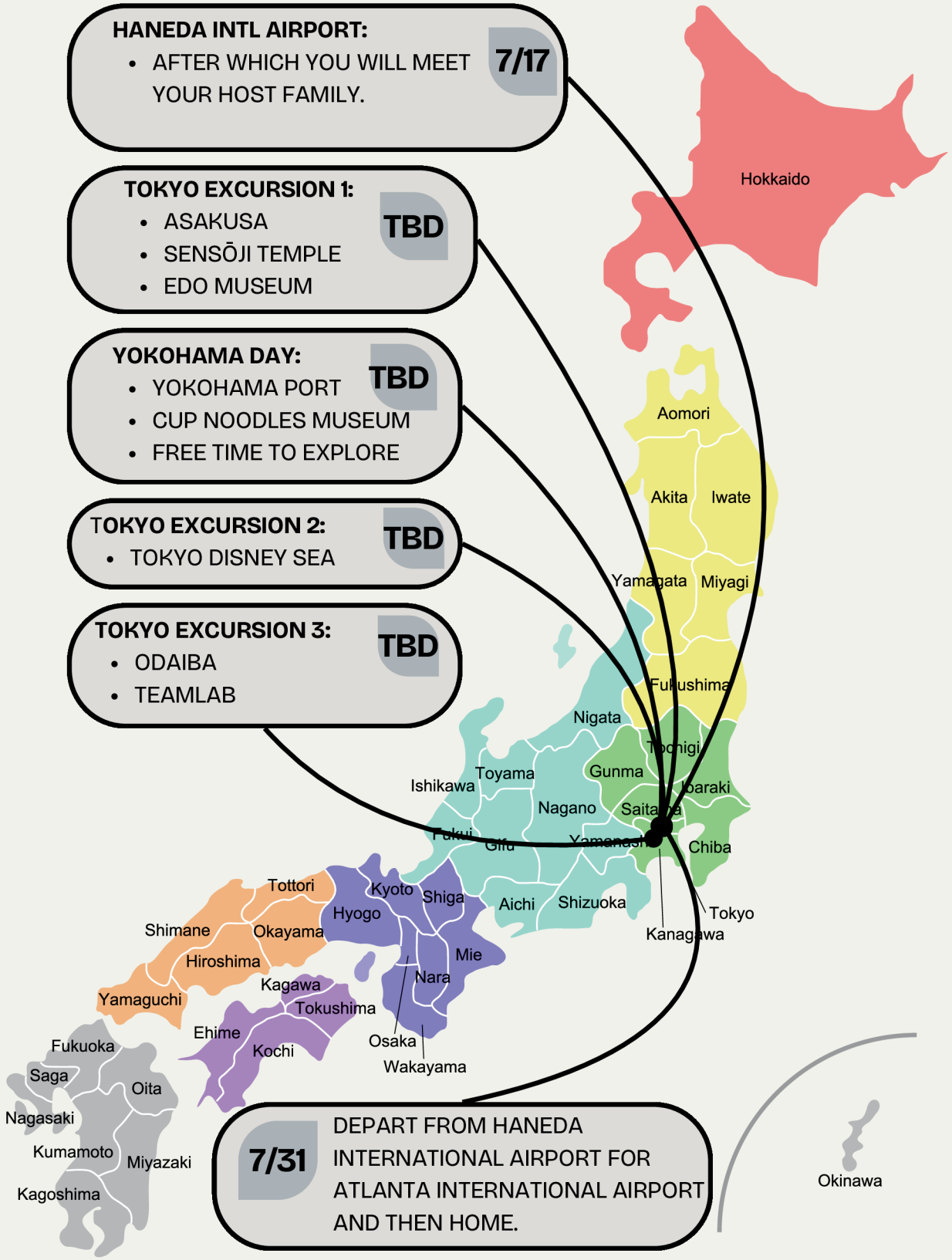
- YOKOHAMA PORT
- CUP NOODLES MUSEUM
- FREE TIME TO EXPLORE

TOKYO EXCURSION 2: **TBD**

- TOKYO DISNEY SEA

TOKYO EXCURSION 3: **TBD**

- ODAIBA
- TEAMLAB



7/31 DEPART FROM HANEDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THEN HOME.

EXCHANGE STUDENT INFORMATION

NOTES

MAKE YOUR OWN NOTES HERE:

MEET YOUR CHAPERONES

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