

2017 Moriya, Japan Student Exchange Program

Moriya, Japan Student Trip Information

June 6-15, 2017

The City of Greeley is now organizing a delegation to visit our sister city, Moriya, Japan in June 2017. The trip is scheduled for June 6-15, 2017.

Selected students (up to 10) will be accompanied by adult chaperones. The City of Greeley will offer a stipend/scholarship of \$1,000 for each student. The balance of the airfare, four nights in a hotel, train fare and planned activities will be the responsibility of the students and due to the City of Greeley. Students will need additional money for meals on non-host family days, incidentals and spending money. All students will stay with host families for four nights during their time in Moriya and will not have expenses for room and board during that time.

Requirements

Students must be entering grades 9 through 12 (minimum age 14) in the Fall of 2017 and reside within Greeley city limits. Proof of residency required.

The completed application is due on or before January 20, 2017, 5pm, and can either be mailed or delivered to: Greeley Recreation Center, Attn: Mari Hein Beegle, 651 10th Ave. or via email at mari.heinbeegle@greeleygov.com.

Application must include:

- The completed application.
- A one-page typed essay on each topic: "Why I would like to visit Moriya" and "How I will share my experience with the City of Greeley."
- Two letters of recommendation: (1) from a current or previous teacher and (1) from another adult not related to the student.
- Signed Student Discipline Code.
- Proof of Greeley residency. This may be a postmarked letter to the student residing at the address.

Selected Students (Delegates) will be required to:

- Finance the remaining costs of the trip (estimated costs are attached). A deposit will be required at the first meeting.
- Attend nine orientation meetings that will be held on Sundays from 4 to 5:30pm in March, April and May. Each student is allowed one excused absence but is responsible for obtaining information presented at the meeting. Meetings will cover trip details, culture, language, schedules and provide time for planning and rehearsing a student program. Parents are required to attend the first meeting and are welcome (but not required) to attend all other meetings.
- Plan and participate in a cultural presentation, lasting 30-45 minutes, for the Welcoming Ceremony in Moriya.
- Sign and abide by the Discipline Code.
- Have a valid passport (or obtain one prior to travel).

The City of Greeley will:

- Make all travel arrangements.
- Collect travel payments from students and make payments for the group travel.
- Provide adult chaperones who will help enforce the Discipline Code.

For more information contact Mari Hein Beegle at 970-350-9449 or via email at mari.heinbeegle@greeleygov.com, or visit www.greeleygov.com/moriya.

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Moriya, Japan Student Additional Information

Important Dates

Specific details will be given to students and their family once the student has been notified of program participation.

Application Deadline	January 20, 2017 @ 5:00 PM
Interviews	Thursday, January 26, 2017
Delegates selected and notified by	February 2, 2017
Orientation Meeting and deposit due	March 5, 2017
Meeting	March 26, 2017
Meeting	April 2, 2017
Meeting	April 9, 2017
No Meeting April 16 - Easter	
Meeting	April 23, 2017
Meeting	April 30, 2017
Meeting	May 7, 2017
Meeting	May 14, 2017
Meeting	May 21, 2017
Depart Greeley	June 6, 2017
Arrive Tokyo, travel to Moriya	June 7, 2017
Home Stay with Hosts	June 8 – June 11, 2017
Sight-seeing - Kyoto, Nara	June 12-14, 2017
Flight Home	June 15, 2017

Estimated Cost for Students

Prices subject to change until passengers are ticketed and reservations confirmed

Plane Fare	\$1850.00 (as of December 2016)
One Night Hotel in Moriya	\$ 60.00
Internal Japan Travel post-Moriya	\$ 880.00
<i>(Rail and bus passes, tour operator/guide, admissions, Kyoto Hotel 3 nights)</i>	
Travel Insurance	\$ 90.00
Travel Agent Fee	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	\$2,910.00
Scholarship from City of Greeley	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Estimated amount to be paid by student	\$1,910.00

Plus personal spending money, additional meals, travel days, passport and gifts for host family.

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Application must be received by **January 20, 2017, before 5pm.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Has your family ever hosted a foreign exchange student? Yes No

If yes, from what country? _____

Have you traveled outside the country? Yes No

If so, where? _____

Have you ever traveled without your parents? Yes No

Have you studied a foreign language? Yes No *Students do not need to speak Japanese to participate.

If yes, what language(s)? _____ How many years? _____

List your school/extra-curricular activities, talents, awards and any special recognition:

Have you attached proof of residency? Yes No *This may be a postmarked envelope addressed to the student.

Are recommendation letters attached? Yes No

How did you find out about this program? _____

I have read and agree to all the attached requirements and obligations. I will be able to travel from June 6 – June 15, 2017 and agree to procure funding for the remaining costs not paid by the City of Greeley. I will attend all pre-travel meetings. For more information call Mari Hein Beegle at 970.350.9449 or email mari.heinbeegle@greeleygov.com.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Moriya, Japan Student Discipline Code

1. Remember that you will represent the City of Greeley and the United States. You will be **courteous** to all airline and hotel staff, host families, community members and group leaders. The group leaders' decisions are final.
2. **Drugs, Alcohol and Sexual Activity** are not allowed at any time during the entire trip. Violation of these rules will not only result in a collect call to your parents, your being sent home early at their expense and possible criminal charges but will bring tremendous shame to the entire group and our community.
3. Smoking is not allowed.
4. Curfew hours are to be honored.
5. The trip itinerary is to be followed. Be sure to have a phone or watch to keep track of the time.
6. Always go with a group of at least 3 other people. Do not leave the group without permission from a group leader.
7. Do not litter. Keep your area and your room picked up and clean. You will be a guest in people's home and country.
8. Do not charge anything to your hotel room. Phone calls must be made with a calling card, collect from a pay phone or on your personal cell phone. All room damages will be the responsibility of all people in the room.
9. Keep track of your own things. Do not assume that anyone else will watch your things, will load your things, or pack your things. Use particular caution with your travel documents and passports.
10. Driving an automobile is not allowed.
11. The student must obey the laws and traditions of the Host Country.
12. The student must be covered by a health insurance policy agreeable to travel overseas.
13. The student shall have sufficient financial support to assure his/her well-being to travel.

I have read, understand, know the consequences and will follow these trip rules.

Student Signature

Date

I have read, understand, know the consequences and will be responsible for my student's participation in the City of Greeley trip to Japan.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date