

Moriya, Japan Student Trip Information

June 19 - 28, 2019

The City of Greeley is now organizing a delegation to visit our sister city, Moriya, Japan in June 2019. The trip is scheduled for June 19 - 27, 2019.

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 on the day the trip begins – June 19, 2019) in the Fall of 2019 and reside within Greeley city limits. Proof of residency required.

The completed application is due on or before January 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm, and can either be mailed or delivered to: Greeley Recreation Center, Attn: Jason Evenson, 651 10th Ave. or via email at jason.evenson@greeleygov.com.

Application must include:

- The completed application form.
- A one-page typed essay that covers the topics of: “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.
- Plan and manage spending money for incidental expenses while abroad, meals, souvenirs, and other costs.
- 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 group activities to get to know one another. Parents are required to attend the first meeting and are welcome (but not required) to attend all other meetings.
- Abide by the Discipline Code.
- Have a valid passport (or obtain one prior to travel).
- Upon return, participate in a presentation to the Greeley City Council about their experiences, and write a one page essay about the trip which will be shared with the Cities of Moriya and Greeley.

The City of Greeley will:

- Make all travel arrangements.
- Collect travel payments from students and make payments for the group travel.
- Provide adult chaperones for all of the trip.

For more information contact Jason Evenson at 970-350-9482 or via email at jason.evenson@greeleygov.com, or visit www.greeleygov.com/moriya.

Moriya, Japan Student Additional Information

Important Dates

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

Application Deadline	January 21, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
Interviews	Thursday, January 24, 2019
Delegates selected and notified by	February 1, 2019
Approximately nine trip meetings during March, April and May 2019	
Depart Greeley	June 19, 2019
Arrive Tokyo, travel to Moriya	June 20, 2019
Home Stay with Host Families	June 21 - 24, 2019
Sight-seeing - historic city of Kyoto	June 25 - 27, 2019
Flight Home	June 28, 2019

Estimated Cost for Students

Prices subject to change until passengers are ticketed and reservations confirmed

Airfare	\$1950.00 (as of November 2018)
One Night Hotel in Moriya	\$ 60.00
Internal Japan Travel post-Moriya <i>(Rail and bus passes, tour operator/guide, admissions, Kyoto Hotel 3 nights)</i>	\$ 900.00
Spending Money*	\$ 400.00
Travel Insurance	\$ 90.00
Travel Agent Fee	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	\$3,430.00
Scholarship from City of Greeley	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Estimated amount to be paid by student	\$2,430.00

**Personal spending money, additional meals on travel days when not staying with host family, souvenirs, and gifts for host family. This amount varies by student but typically \$400 per student is a good starting amount.*

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Application must be received by **January 21, 2019, by 5:00 pm.**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Student's E-mail Address:

Date of Birth: Age:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s):

Name of School:

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 19 – June 27, 2019 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 Jason Evenson at 970.350.9482 or email jason.evenson@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 or vaping are 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