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Seeking Caring Host Families

Japanese exchange students need host families for two weeks this summer

(Edmonds - WA) Every summer the Edmonds Sister City Commission coordinates a two-week exchange of middle-school and high-school students between Edmonds and our sister city, Hekinan, Japan. This experience is so fulfilling and memorable because the students stay with families in their host city. These host families provide a room, some meals, and transportation for their student. Hosting a student provides a glimpse into another culture and the opportunity to share our American way of life. The students stay here in Edmonds for two weeks, from August 6 to August 19, and the Commission plans most of the daytime, and some evening, activities for them. If you, or someone you know, would welcome a student into your home, please email sister.city@edmondswa.gov or call 425.771.0247 for more information.

For a glimpse at past delegation visits, check-out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EdmondsSisterCityCommission.

Edmonds Sister City Commission

Hekinan has been our Sister City Since 1988 and the exchange program has been a central component of that relationship. The exchange program is based on homestays for both the Edmonds and Hekinan students. Since cultural understanding is so central to the Sister City program, this has proven to be the most valuable activity that we undertake. Both students and chaperones have felt this program can enhance personal growth and perspectives in ways that are difficult to match in academic settings. Host families have enjoyed bringing a bit of the world to their home and forming lasting relationships across the globe.

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