May 2015

Dear Host Family:

Congratulations and welcome to the Kentucky 4-H Program’s international exchange with Japan! I hope this letter finds you well and excited to be welcoming your new “family” member in July! This is one of two packets that you will be receiving over the next couple of weeks.

Enclosed in this packet is the following:

1) 2015 Japan Summer Inbound Handbook (orange)
2) Konnichiwa Phrase Book & CD (brown/yellow cd)
3) Insurance Card COPY and Insurance Information (yellow)
4) “Window’s” Exchange Program Newsletter
5) Japanese Pocket Dictionary
6) Copy of Your Delegates Application.

You may contact your delegate starting: __________

Contacting Your Delegate
You may begin corresponding with your delegate starting on the date listed above. The delay is to allow time for the application processing in Japan and let them know they have been placed with your family. We ask that each family send at least two letters/postcards before arrival. You can supplement this with email but please keep in mind that Japanese may only use the email they provide you one or two times per month. Do not be disappointed if you don’t hear from them via email quickly.

Orientation Phone Calls
ALL FAMILIES in the program will need to take part in an orientation. To participate in the orientation, please do the following:

- Orientations are scheduled for 6:30 pm ET/5:30 pm CT on June 30, July 6 and July 7 (you only attend one). Please select one date, mark it on your calendar and let me know when you will be joining (you are welcome to email me this information).

- At the appropriate time, dial 877-394-0659 and, when prompted, dial the ID number 7367194160

- The host parent and host sibling should be on the call. At a minimum, one parent should attend.

- Have your orientation PowerPoint available for reference during the call. This will be sent in a future mailing.
Arrival
You will be picking your delegate up on Saturday July 25, 2015 at 12 pm ET/11 am CT at the E.S. Goodbarn on the University of Kentucky Campus (across from football stadium). (Map included). There will be a brief adoption ceremony followed by a presentation by the Japanese delegates. You should be back on the road at about 1 pm ET/12 pm CT. The delegates will NOT have eaten lunch when you pick them up.

E.S. Goodbarn Campus Guide Website: http://ukcc.uky.edu/cgi-bin/dynamo?maps.391+campus+0097

E.S. Goodbarn Address:
E. S. Goodbarn
1451 University Drive
Lexington 40546-0097

E.S. Goodbarn (Lexington Map): Attached Page
The map (on page 2) is of the Lexington area. Point A is the Lexington Airport (as a reference) and Point B is the E.S. Goodbarn. When turning from Nicholasville Road (also called South Limestone Road) onto Farm Road, the destination will be on your right. There is a gated Parking Lot that can be used OR you can park in Parking Lot to the side of the building. You enter through the doors that are adjacent to the gated Parking Lot and walk straight ahead into Gorham Hall.

When arriving at the building, there will be signs showing the room marked “4-H Japanese/LABO Exchange Program”. You are welcome to bring the entire family or just a few. My cell phone is 859-393-1463 if you need to contact me.

Departure
Drop off will be in Louisville on August 20th. Final arrangements are pending at this time but will be near the State Fair Grounds/Airport.

Thanks and see you soon!
Sincerely,

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