

4-H Youth Development

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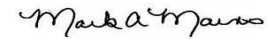
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To: Kentucky 4-H International Program,
Host Families

From: Mark Mains, Ph.D. - Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth
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Re: Hosting Information

Thank you for agreeing to host a Japanese youth through the Kentucky 4-H International Program this summer. You and your family are embarking on a life-changing experience that, literally, opens your door to the world!

Enclosed in this packet are a variety of items. Please **wait until June 1, 2016** and then you may begin contacting your Japanese guest. Photos, emails, digital photos, maps, etc are all ways to share a little about your home before the delegate arrives. We ask that everyone send at least two physical mailings to their LABO guest. Written communication is very important in Japanese culture and this demonstrates your caring and interest. This helps them to feel more comfortable at the beginning of their visit. It also helps to reassure the Japanese family about the home and people that will become their child's "second family"!

Japanese addresses are written as follows:

First Name Last Name

Address in English – Line 1 (from application)

Address in English with Zip Code – Line 2 (from application)

JAPAN

Example:

Ayu Tanaka

1-7-1-302 Kamimiyata,

Minimashitaura-machi, Miura-shi, Kanagawa-Ken, 123-1234

JAPAN

Orientation

This year, 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 28th, June 30th, and July 2. You only attend one.
- 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 information will be placed on our website for you to view during the conference call. An email will be sent with this information.

A variety of “self study” orientation/information materials have been provided. If these seem overwhelming, please focus on the orange Host Family Guidebook. This is the most important item. Other materials you should have received include:

- Tomodachi Phrasebook
- Insurance Information & Insurance Card (copy)
- Window’s Newsletter

Japanese Arrival and Departure

Our Japanese guests will arrive on two days before pick up in the late evening at the Louisville Airport and will depart on the day after drop off in the early morning from the same place. Families are asked to pick them up at the dates/times scheduled (see next section).

Your Pick Up/Drop Off Dates

You will be picking your delegate up on Saturday July 23, 2016 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/cji-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.

LABO Program Departure:

Your drop off date will be August 18, 2016 (Thursday) at the Kentucky State Fair and Convention Center in Louisville, KY. We ask that the family drop off the luggage at the hotel before coming to the fairgrounds. Free passes to the fair are provided for the

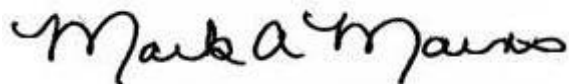
family. This is a free day with your delegate and you can drop them off with me anytime between 1-3 pm.

More information about the drop off will be sent later. The address for the hotel is (ask at the front desk about the luggage, they are holding a room for us):

La Quinta Inn & Suites Louisville Airport & Expo
4125 Preston Hwy
Louisville, KY 40213
Phone: 1-502-368-0007

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for opening your doors and your hearts to this program!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Mains". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Mains
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Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

