

Sister City Association of Greenfield

Host Family Application

The citizens of Greenfield are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a Sister City program. Greenfield and Kakuda, a city of 35,000 people in northern Japan, established sister city relations in 1990.

The sister city program encourages cultural exchange between the two cities including an annual student/adult visit to the sister city. The Kakuda delegation is tentatively set to visit Greenfield in August 2010 and a group from Greenfield travels to Japan in June. The specific travel dates will be confirmed at a later date.

Visitors from Kakuda City are housed with Greenfield host families during their stay. Each host home serves as the family for one Japanese guest. While not required, it is preferred that the host families for visiting Japanese students have a middle school and/or high school student to pair with the visiting Japanese student. The host family will provide the Japanese guest with lodging, some meals, and transportation. In addition, a number of group activities are planned, and the host family is encouraged to participate with their guest in those activities, such as a welcome and farewell party, and a sporting event.

Families selected to serve as “hosts” are expected to attend one culture and language class prior to the arrival of the Kakuda delegation. This class is designed to prepare the host family to communicate more effectively with their guest, and to provide an orientation to Japanese culture. A tentative schedule of events and activities for the visit will be provided at this time. The orientation class will be held in August, and will be coordinated by Dawn Hanson. The specific date and site will be announced in the near future.

Individuals with questions regarding the Sister City program and the host family experience are encouraged to e-mail Dawn Hanson at sister_cities@yahoo.com.

The 2010 host family applications are due no later than **July 2, 2010**, and can be mailed to Dawn Hanson, 1670 E. Casey Lane, Greenfield, IN 46140, but the envelope must be postmarked no later than midnight, **July 2, 2010**. The Sister City Association of Greenfield may contact applicants to further discuss the program. Families selected to serve as a host family will be notified no later than July 9, 2010.

Applications may also be e-mailed to sister_cities@yahoo.com.

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Year 2010 Host Family Application

Parent(s) Names: _____

Address: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Work** _____ **Cell** _____

E-mail address: _____

Preference (if any):

Male Student Female Student Male Chaperone Female Chaperone

Names and Ages of Dependent Family Members: _____

Parent(s) Occupation(s): _____

Hobbies & Other Family Activities: _____

List all family pets:

Write about why you would like to be a host family (Use of the back of this application if necessary) _____

I understand the responsibilities of serving as a host family and wish to be considered as an applicant to serve as a host family in the Sister City program. I am aware of a commitment to attend an orientation session in August 2010.

Applicant's Signature: _____