

## Labo/Canadian Exchange

# Nihongo Program

Nihongo means “Japanese Language”

The NIHONGO program is a 3-1/2 week intensive Japanese language program. Students live with Labo families in the Tokyo area and attend Japanese language classes five days per week. The innovative curriculum includes “Learning By Doing” field trips and cultural activities, small classes and a dedicated staff to help students learn the maximum amount of Japanese in a short time.

### 2012 Program Schedule

- March 1 Application Packet and \$500 deposit due to your Provincial Exchange Coordinator who will mail the application to Ellen Bonde. Cheque should be made payable to: **Ellen Bonde - In Trust** (At lower left of cheque write: Canadian 4-H/Japanese Exchange)
- Ellen Bonde, Outbound Coordinator,  
RR #3  
Rocky Mountain House, AB, T4T 2A3  
Phone/Fax 403-845-6894  
email: niels\_ellen@telusplanet.net
- Late applications will be accepted on a ‘space-available’ basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed Host Family assignments.
- May 1 Full Payment Due**
- May 15 **Receive** Host Family Information Sheet and Orientation materials:  
-Participant Handbook, Brief Guide to Japan, Yookoso! phrasebook, NIHONGO language preparation tape and materials, NIHONGO class placement preliminary survey
- June 14 Fly to Tokyo**
- June 15 Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- June 16 Orientation. Meet host families.
- June 18 First day of classes.**
- July 11 Last day of classes.**
- July 13 Move to hotel in Tokyo. Spend the night with the Summer Homestay exchangees arriving from Canada and the U.S.
- July 14 **Students taking ONLY the NIHONGO course depart Japan.**  
or  
**Students staying for the Summer Homestay program** travel to host families.
- August 8 Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- August 9 Depart Japan and arrive in Canada**

**COST**

<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>NIHONGO fee covers:</b> Tuition, texts, and school supplies; Commuting pass; All travel, food and lodging in Japan (EXCEPT lunch on school days); Field trips and admission fees; Narita airport user fee; \$45 yen packet; Exchange T-shirts; and Labo supervision throughout the program.
<b>Airfare</b>	Airfares will be announced in March, including airport taxes.
<b>Medical Insurance</b>	<b>\$70</b> (est.) Medical insurance plan sold in conjunction with the air ticket. This coverage is optional, but participants must show proof of valid insurance coverage. <b>Families are responsible for all medical bills incurred by their child.</b>
<b>Spending Money</b>	Individual needs will vary. It is recommended that students bring about \$100 for each week they will be in Japan.
<b>Passport</b>	Participants are responsible for obtaining a valid passport.
<b>Lunch on school days</b>	is the responsibility of participants.

**LABO SCHOLARSHIP**

For each Labo member hosted in Canada (up to three), participants may deduct \$150 from the NIHONGO fee. Scholarships may be claimed only once. Additional scholarships may be available for families who have hosted a Labo Year-Long student.

**SUMMER HOMESTAY ADD-ON**

The 4-week Labo Summer Homestay program begins the day after the NIHONGO program ends. Please contact your Exchange Coordinator for more information about the Summer Homestay program.

The cost of doing BOTH Homestay and Nihongo programs is \$2,400, which is a \$200 discount from the usual combined price of \$2,600.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact your Exchange Coordinator

**OUTBOUND COORDINATOR**

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