

Labo/Canadian Exchange

2012 Summer Homestay in Japan

Labo's In-Japan summer homestay program gives Canadian youth the opportunity to live with a typical Japanese family four weeks as a family member, not a tourist.

After an overnight orientation in Vancouver, students fly non-stop to Tokyo. There, an overnight stay allows them to get their bearings before traveling to their host families by air, train or car. *All ground travel in Japan is chaperoned.*

During the summer students will attend 4 day/3-night Labo Camp with their host. An overnight stay in Tokyo winds up this wonderful experience! Students are assigned to their requested host family or, if they don't have a request, to a family with a child of the same sex and similar age (up to two years age difference).

Labo has an extensive network of branch offices, college Interns and Labo club leaders to help exchanges if there are problems or questions.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

MARCH 15 Application and \$500 Deposit due to your Provincial Coordinator

- Reference letters should be sent directly to your Coordinator.
- Late applications are accepted only on a 'space available' basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed host family assignment.
- Cheque should be made payable to: **Ellen Bonde - In Trust**

At lower left of cheque write: Canadian 4-H/Japanese Exchange.

JUNE 1 Receive Host Family Information Sheet and Orientation materials:

- Participant Handbook
- In-Japan Schedule
- Brief Guide to Japan
- Yookoso! phrasebook

JUNE 1 Full Payment Due. Airfare and Program Fees

JULY 11 Fly to Vancouver

- July 12 Depart Vancouver for non-stop flight to Narita airport.
- July 13 Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo
- July 14 Orientation meeting followed by travel to host families
- Aug 8 Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.

AUGUST 9 Depart Tokyo and arrive in Canada

COST

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| In-Japan Fee | \$1,400 | Covers all travel in Japan; Shipping suitcases to host Families; Food and lodging at hotels; Homestays, Travel to Camp and Camp fee; Chaperone scholarship; \$45 yen packet; Exchange T-shirts, and Narita airport fee. |
| Orientation | \$275 | Covers the cost of the Vancouver orientation. |
| Airfare | TBA | Airfares, including airport taxes will be announced March, 2011. |
| Contingency Fee | \$25 | Emergency Fund administered by the Canadian/Japanese Exchange Committee. |
| Medical Insurance | approx. \$70 | Medical insurance sold in conjunction with the air ticket. This coverage is optional, but participants must show proof of valid insurance coverage. Families are responsible for all medical costs not covered by insurance. |
| Spending Money | \$400-\$700 | Individual needs will vary. Students typically spend between \$400 and \$700. |
| Passport | | Participants are responsible for obtaining a passport. |

LABO SCHOLARSHIP

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

‘NIHONGO’ADD-ON

Students wishing to participate in the NIHONGO intensive Japanese language program will depart from Canada on **June 14, 2012** and will join the summer homestay group when they arrive in Japan on **July 13**.

All students will return to Canada on **August 9**.

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 Provincial Exchange Coordinator
or

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