

MODESTO SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Are you tired of doing the same boring thing every summer?
Have you thought about seeing the world and traveling abroad to Japan?
Now's your chance! **JOIN US IN Kurume, Japan**



Kurume is located in Southern Japan and is Modesto's Sister City. Since 1992 high school students have been participating in an exchange between Modesto and Kurume to learn about one another's culture and traditions. We seek enthusiastic, energetic and interested students to the program.



Become An MSCI Ambassador!

Ten high school students are chosen to represent Modesto in Kurume on a 10-12 day youth exchange. As an MSCI student ambassador you will stay and be hosted by a Japanese family in Kurume.

In return, you will be required to host a Japanese student while he/she visits Modesto on a 10-12 day youth exchange. The exchange takes place during July and August. While the Japanese student is in Modesto, they will be engaged in weekday activities planned by the MSCI program.

The cost of the exchange includes roundtrip airfare to Japan (which the MSCI program coordinates to ensure the best group rate), very inexpensive international medical insurance and about \$70 in passport fees. In past years the cost has been around \$1200.



SOME PAST EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN INCLUDE:

- Day or overnight trips to Osaka, Kyoto, Nara and Nagasaki
- Atomic bomb memorial & Peace Park
- Japanese Temples and Shrines
- Kurume Water Festival
- Kurume Civic Buildings, including a visit with the Kurume mayor
- Ryoanji Temple and Zen Rock Garden
- Activities and sightseeing with host family on weekends

Modesto residents currently enrolled as a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader in a local high school are eligible to apply. Applicants should be flexible, adaptable and sensitive to a variety of experiences and be willing to work together as a group.

Answers to your many questions are found at the website as well as other important details and requirements. Please download the application forms available at:

<http://www.modestosistercities.com/yexchange>

All information must be submitted by April 1st to be considered.



Immerse yourself in Japanese culture! Enjoy the exotic cuisine of the Orient. Meet people and make friends. Help make the world a better place, one friendship at a time.

Be a part of this life changing experience, reaching out to teens in our Sister City and creating bonds and memories that will last a lifetime.

For further questions, or if you need an application mailed to you, please contact:
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