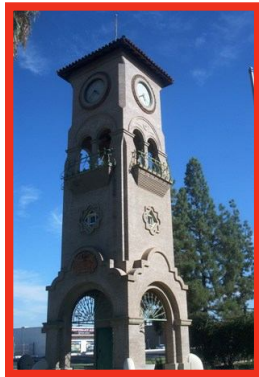


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## **BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY YOUTH AMBASSADOR TRIP TO WAKAYAMA, JAPAN**

***BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY PROJECT CORPORATION IS NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH AMBASSADORS WHO WILL VISIT  
OUR SISTER CITY OF WAKAYAMA, JAPAN JUNE 5-14, 2014***

**INFORMATION MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014  
HALL AMBULANCE COMMUNITY CENTER, CORNER OF 21<sup>ST</sup> & N STREETS  
APPLICATION & NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$300 \* DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2014 \*  
COST PER PERSON: \$2,500**

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

As a Bakersfield Sister City Youth Ambassador you will have the opportunity to form global friendships and enjoy a life-changing experience, while fulfilling and underscoring the mission of the Sister Cities International program of "bringing the world together through education and cultural exchange."

The Bakersfield Sister City Youth Ambassador Program offers the youth of Bakersfield an opportunity to represent the City as a Youth Ambassador to Baskersfield's Sister City – Wakayama, Japan, while also visiting other cultural and historical sites in Japan.

The Youth Ambassadors and adult chaperones are immersed in a cultural experience while living with host families and experiencing a variety of activities planned by the city and their hosts, including visits to schools and other places of interest in Wakayama.

After their stay in Wakayama, the group will visit two very historic Japanese areas-Nara and Kyoto—where they will visit Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, and the Toie Kyoto Studios Park.

### **FOR A DETAILED ITINERARY AND AN APPLICATION FORM:**

- E-MAIL SUSAN STONE AT [rstone2@bak.rr.com](mailto:rstone2@bak.rr.com)
- OR DOWNLOAD THE ITINERARY & FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.bakersfieldsistercity.org](http://www.bakersfieldsistercity.org)

## PRICING & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### Price:

Airfare, hotel, some meals, and land transport in Japan = \$2,500.

This does not include transport to and from LAX, but does include a \$50 membership fee to Bakersfield Sister City to help defray our expenses (gifts for city officials & others in Wakayama, etc.).

### Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$300 (non-refundable) is due on or before Friday, February 28, 2014.

Space is limited to just 15 students.

The remaining cost is due on or before Friday, April 25, 2014.

### Orientation Meeting:

- Date/time: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
- Place: Hall Ambulance Community Center  
1031 21<sup>st</sup> Street (corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and N Streets)
- Bring: Completed application & check for \$300 made out to Bakersfield Sister City Project Corp. This deposit will reserve your plane ticket & place in the group.
- Topics to be discussed:
  - Itinerary (briefly outlined above)
  - Homestay in Wakayama: what to expect
  - What to take with you
  - What makes this experience unique
  - Fund-raising for the trip
  - Payment schedule
  - Next meeting date


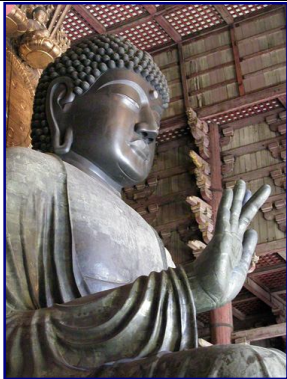

## GENERAL INFORMATION


- Youth Ambassadors stay with host families individually. The opportunity to experience the Japanese culture firsthand by living with a Japanese family is a chance of a lifetime.
- The minimum number of Youth Ambassadors each year is 10 and the maximum number is 20. If less than 10 Youth Ambassadors are scheduled for the trip, the trip will be canceled. Space is limited and early registration is strongly encouraged.
- Bakersfield Sister Cities Wakayama Committee will review completed applications received by the deadline and at their sole discretion will select Youth Ambassadors. Notice will be given by Feb. 28, 2014.
- Students are expected to participate in activities while Wakayama youth visit Bakersfield and/or host a student from Japan in their home during their visit in August.
- Certificate: Bakersfield Sister City will present a Youth Ambassador Certificate at the November Sister Cities meeting to all Youth Ambassadors who successfully represented Bakersfield Sister City & the City of Bakersfield. The certificate makes recipients eligible to list Youth Ambassador to Wakayama, Japan on any applications, resumes, etc. Copies can be provided to recommending Teacher/Counselor & Principal.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR

- Must be current member of Bakersfield Sister City or pay the \$50 family membership fee.
- Must be between 13 and 18 years of age (at the time the trip begins).
- Must complete the official application form.
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from a current teacher or counselor.
- Must write a PARAGRAPH (about 100 words) telling why you wish to visit Japan and why you would make a good youth ambassador.
- Must attend mandatory orientation meetings prior to the trip.

## ITINERARY

DAY	DATE/TIME	TRANSPORT	SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES
1	Thursday, 6/5/2014 7:30 am 10:45 am 12:45 pm	Private auto  <b>ANA flight 0005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Depart Bakersfield for LAX</li> <li>➤ At LAX: check in time</li> <li>➤ Departure time for Narita</li> </ul> <b>Cross int'l dateline</b>
2	Friday, 6/6/14 4:25 pm  6:00 pm 7:30 pm  9:30 pm	<b>ANA Flight 0005</b>  <b>ANA flight 2179</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Arrival: Narita, Tokyo, Japan. Transfer to domestic flight after clearing customs &amp; immigration</li> <li>➤ Depart Narita for Itami, Osaka</li> <li>➤ Arrive Itami. Claim luggage &amp; board private coach for Wakayama.</li> <li>➤ Arrive Wakayama Castle area. Meet host families &amp; go home with them.</li> </ul> <b>Begin 5-night homestay.</b>
3-6	Saturday, 6/7/14 Thru Tuesday, 6/10/14	Transport provided by Wakayama	Activities arranged by home-stay hosts and the Wakayama Sister City Committee. These will include visits to schools & to places of interest in and around Wakayama.
7	Wednesday, 6/11/14 9:00 am     5:00 pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Assemble at W. Castle parking lot</li> <li>➤ Depart via private bus for Nara &amp; Kyoto</li> <li>➤ Lunch in town of Nara. Then visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nara Deer Park</li> <li>○ Todaiji Temple</li> <li>○ Kasuga Taisha Shrine</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Arrive Kyoto &amp; check in to hotel <b>Hotel Keihan Kyoto</b> (all breakfasts included)</li> </ul>
8	Thursday, 6/12/14 Morning 9:00 am   1:00 pm		Breakfast at hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Board bus for tour of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kiyomizu Temple</li> <li>○ Heian Shrine</li> <li>○ Other points of interest</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Tour ends at handicraft center</li> </ul> Afternoon free for shopping, etc.

9	Friday, 6/13/14 Morning 9:00 am  3:00 pm		Breakfast at hotel ➤ Depart hotel to take train to Toie Kyoto Studio Park Lunch on own at park ➤ Return to hotel. Afternoon free to explore area near hotel & Kyoto Station
10	Saturday, 6/14/14 Morning 12 noon 1:00 pm 2:30 pm 3:50 pm 5:10 pm 11:00 am	Private bus  <b>ANA flight 2178</b>  <b>ANA flight 0006</b>	Breakfast at hotel Check out & board bus for Itami Airport Arrive Itami & check in for flight Board flight for Narita/Tokyo Arrive Narita & transfer to new flight Depart Narita for LAX <b>Cross Int'l. Dateline</b> Arrive at LAX: claim luggage; go through customs & immigration