



Wings of Rotary 2024

Apply for the Trip of a Lifetime

Wings of Rotary - Short Term Youth "Cultural & Educational" Exchange / Two weeks in June - "An Opportunity of a Lifetime"

- ◆ Rotary friends in Japan will host our team for the entirety of the trip. Students need only bring money for snacks, souvenirs and other personal spending.
- ◆ You will have daily interaction with your host families, guides & Rotarians. You'll visit high schools and interact with the Japanese students
- ◆ You will tour their temples, shrines, museums & castles. You'll engage in Japanese culture and lifestyle.
- ◆ You will eat their foods, attend several Rotary meetings, exchange gifts with your host families and learn some Japanese language.

This Rotary Youth Exchange Program between Oklahoma District 5750 and Japan District 2520 is over 40 years old. The student will become a member of the team of 8 to 9 students plus Rotary Team Leaders. You will have at least two meetings before you depart in June.

The first meeting is about what to expect and a lot of Q&A, attended by both students and parents.

The second team meeting is for the students, including team building, a fun afternoon and lunch or dinner. It is a time to get to know your fellow team members. You also will interact with the Japanese Inbound Team and their students as your schedule allows, during their two-week stay in March.

On this trip you will put a lot of trust and faith in our Rotarian Hosts - our friends. You'll be amazed at the Japanese culture and will soon come to appreciate their generosity, thoughtfulness and pride for their country! Best of all you will make new lifelong friends with your team members and learn about Rotary along the way!



Hannah R.
Wings Team Member
To Kelly, D5750 and Wings Committee

Thank you for providing a "once in a lifetime" experience through Wings of Rotary. I have learned many new things about the Japanese culture and have built friendships that will last a lifetime. This is an awesome program and I am blessed to have been allowed to participate.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in the "WINGS EXPERIENCE" with Japan. My trip has truly been a life changing experience. I am coming home with tons of memories that will last a lifetime. Getting to learn about another culture has helped me see the world from the view of others and has opened my eyes to a whole new world.

There are so many wonderful things I got to experience during my trip to Japan. One of my personal favorites was traveling to the many temples and shrines all around Japan. I enjoyed learning of their cultural history and significance to Japan and its people.

Our Japanese Rotarian hosts were awesome and our tour guides were so patient and giving. I have already reached out to several since returning to Oklahoma

I enjoyed visiting the Japanese High School. It was so much fun to visit and make friends with Japanese high school students.

I will always cherish Japan. Thank you for this experience of a lifetime.



Find out more about Wings of Rotary and download your application for team member by scanning the QR code below with your Ipad or smart phone.

For those not using the QR, the application URL of "Applications" can be found at rotary5750.org under the committee tab.

The committee would like to have all applications in by December 1.

Act now, this is an opportunity of a lifetime. Though the trip does cost some money, the experience the student will gain far exceeds the cost. One parent said, "If my child wanted to take advantage of this trip, I would not let money get in the way. If I had to, I'd go to the bank and borrow the money before I'd let my child miss this opportunity."



Thomas H.
Wings Team

It is hard to describe how grateful I am to have been able to go on the 40th Wings of Rotary trip to Japan. It was without a doubt one of the best experiences of my lifetime and I will remember all the great friends and memories I made for the rest of my life.

Without the generosity of Rotary, I most likely would never have gone to Japan, let alone a trip of this caliber.

During the trip, I was able to enjoy several home stays, fantastic food, Japanese culture, extremely hospitable people and many other unforgettable visits, all of which I would not have enjoyed without the help of Rotary Clubs in Japan and Oklahoma.

This trip impacted not only me, but everyone on the outbound team and many in Japan. Thank you for allowing me, and many others, to have this experience. I hope the Wings of Rotary program will continue for many more years.

