

Dear, Sir or Madam:

We (the Okayama Committee of Pacific Neighbors and City of San Jose) are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Okayama city, in western Japan this year. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest Sister City relationship in the world. More than 200 persons are coming from Okayama on April 27 (Fri) to celebrate with us. There are a number of activities planned, including a group of over 50 Junior High School students that wish to get a sample of American life by a home stay experiences.

We are looking for at least 25 volunteer families to accommodate these students for four nights. We would prefer to have 2 students per household due to the language and safety issues. But if you can only host one, please do so. Pacific Neighbors will have a bilingual hot-line should any problem occur. If you and your family are willing to offer them life-changing experiences in this special year, please contact us by the host family registration form on the web site (see below) or if you have questions, please call Kazuko Green at (408) 318-2363. (E-mail: [kazuko@bgai.com](mailto:kazuko@bgai.com))

Thank you so much for your kind help in advance. Below is the schedule, as we know it, along with notes about some optional activities your family may wish to know about.

Briefing: 5:30 pm **Saturday April 14** or **Friday April 20**, Japanese Friendship Garden, Kelly Park, 1600 Senter Road (San José Historical Museum parking lot near San Jose Giants Stadium)

### **Okayama Junior High School Student Home Stay Program**

**{Between 4/27 (Fri) – 5/1 (Tue)}**

- 4/27 (Fri): Meeting with students at Japanese Friendship Garden at 5:00pm.
- 4/28 (Sat): (All day) Stay with host families.  
If possible, students to attend event sponsored by Japantown's Nikkei Matsuri anniversary group in Campbell:  
Jazz concert by "Hiroshima" and Pizza Party, Drop off at 5:30 - Pick up about 9:30
- 4/29 (Sun): (All day) Stay with host families
- 4/30 (Mon): Student school visit  
The host family takes those students to Japanese Friendship Garden at 8:30am.  
Students will visit local schools. Host family picks up students. Time TBA
- 5/1 (Tue): (End of home stay program) Move to San Francisco.  
The host family takes those students to the Japanese Friendship Garden at 8:30am.

*FYI: Some optional activities related to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program*

*Friday Night: Baseball game at San Jose Giants Stadium (BBQ/game 5:30pm/7pm)*

*Tickets are \$21*

*Sunday: Nikkei Matsuri (9-4) / Youth Symphony/ Jr. Orchestra Concert (7pm)*

*Limited seating, contact about tickets.*

Schedule as of: April 14, 2007

Internet: <http://50.sj-okayama.org> (select the Home Stay Volunteer Information link)