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### Explore Japan Program Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2016

The Explore Japan Program is a unique 2.5-week cultural exchange program now celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year! In this one-of-a-kind enrichment and exchange experience, local students ages 8-18 host and spend time with a visiting Japanese High School student, learn about the many facets of Japanese culture, and make friendships to last a lifetime. Explore Japan is happy to announce that we are now accepting applications from families in all Eastern MA communities for Summer 2016.

The Boys' Program will be from July 21<sup>nd</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> and the Girls' Program from July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pierce Middle School. For the 2.5 weeks of the program, both Japanese students and local students will participate in daily activities Monday-Friday from 9AM-4PM at their respective locations. Each program includes morning workshops on Japanese language, arts and crafts, cooking, martial arts, calligraphy and a variety of interesting cultural exercises, and a number of afternoon activities such as the Boston Tea Party Museum, Canobie Lake Park and Plimoth Plantation.

Explore Japan is FREE for one child from each family who hosts a Japanese student for the duration of the program. That is a two-and-a-half-week program, 9AM - 4:00PM, Monday - Friday, including admission and supervision on afternoon field trips - for free! In addition, for host families who have a child who is at least 15 years of age, Explore Japan has a limited number of internship and program staff opportunities. For more information about the Explore Japan program, or to apply to participate, please visit our website at [www.americanlearning.com](http://www.americanlearning.com).

Local families who are interested in learning more can call (617) 996-0622, or email [explorejapan@americanlearning.com](mailto:explorejapan@americanlearning.com). Space in the program is limited, so we do recommend that you apply soon to ensure you and your family can participate in this year's program!

#### **Brief for Online or Print Media:**

The Explore Japan Program is a unique opportunity for your entire family to learn about another culture and have a fun and free activity this summer! During Explore Japan local families host visiting Japanese students while their children attend daily Japanese culture workshops and go on exciting Boston area fieldtrips. For families who host a Japanese visitor during the program one child can attend Explore Japan for FREE! That is a two-and-a-half-week program, 9AM - 4:00PM, Monday - Friday, including admission and supervision on afternoon field trips – for free.

The Explore Japan Program welcomes students ages 8-18 from all Eastern MA communities. Space is limited so apply today! Learn more at [www.americanlearning.com](http://www.americanlearning.com) or by emailing [explorejapan@americanlearning.com](mailto:explorejapan@americanlearning.com).