



Japan in Your



- How to stay connected with Japan -



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Welcome

For those of you who have spent time in Japan, Japan and Japanese culture have a place in your heart. We've learned that many of you—families and friends of Japan—have a strong desire to stay connected with Japan after you return to the U.S. You may not realize this until you actually return or wherever you are later in life.

Did you know that there is an abundance of support organizations and experiences available to help you do this?

For example, in the U.S. there are 18 EMBASSY/CONSULATE offices of Japan and 43 JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETIES, as well as the JAPAN FOUNDATION, with offices in LA and NYC. They are all accessible, friendly and host many events, activities, and experiences, such as Japanese film screenings, language classes, lectures, receptions, festivals, etc. as well as additional support resources. JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS, some of which are held on weekends, are also available to children as well as adults. They cater to non-native Japanese speakers, who wish to maintain or improve their language skills at their own pace.

Our MISSION is to serve as a facilitator that helps you “stay in touch” with Japan and be involved in Japan-related activities here in the U.S.





Third Culture Kids

As families return to the U.S., they will be readjusting to American culture and their children will be entering and adjusting to U.S. schools or colleges, which can be a complex experience. It is known that children of parents who have spent time in abroad have great personal benefits and potential as well as also experience some challenges.

For example, they can be particularly adept at seeing situations through multiple lenses (expanded world-view), and quickly adapting to function effectively across national, ethnic and organizational culture (cultural sense), to name a few. Some common challenges they face include developing a sense of belonging, commitment, and attachment to a culture, which can play a strong role in one's self-esteem and identity.

In the academia, such children are referred to as "Third Culture Kids" (TCKs) - children who were raised in a culture outside of their parents' culture for a significant part of their development years. And their demographic is rapidly growing. In the case of TCKs back from Japan, they learn and understand the culture of Japan so well that they have the potential to be the real bridges, goodwill ambassadors, and leaders between Japan and the U.S.

There is a broad support network consisting of many different groups and initiatives back in the U.S. Here at the Embassy of Japan (D.C.) and JICC, we aim to support and inspire TCKs, TCIs (Individuals) and the families of both to embrace this unique experience and act as globally competent citizens and leaders. We will be posting further detailed information on this subject on our Embassy's related Facebook (www.facebook.com/JIYH.TCK/).

We are hoping that this document can be a resource to help you and children (TCKs) transition back while keeping Japan in your and your children's hearts.

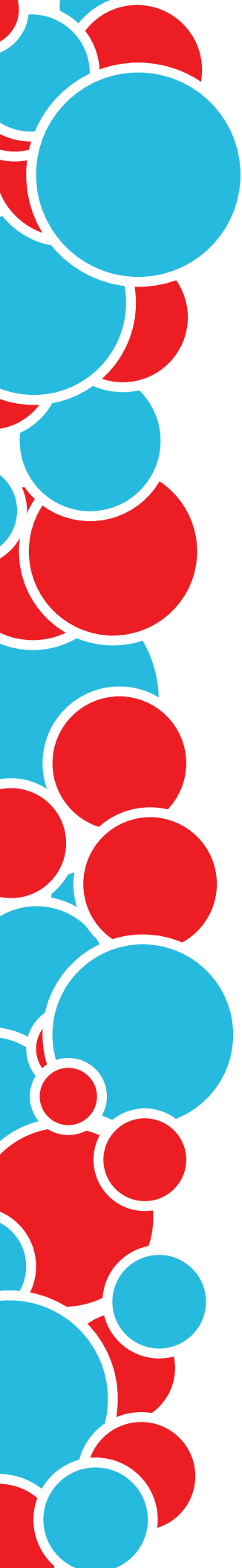


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Japan Embassy and Consulates in the U.S.

The Washington D.C. Embassy and national Consulates engage in a variety of cultural/social events, including film screenings. Many have culture/information centers that are open to the public. Follow them on their website and find more about their activities.

EMBASSY OF JAPAN

Embassy of Japan in the United States

2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008
TEL: 202-238-6700
<http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.html>

Japan Exchange and Teaching Office

<http://jetprogramusa.org/>
TEL: 202-238-6772 OR 202-238-6773

Japan Information and Culture Center

1150 18th Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC, 20036-3838
TEL: 202-223-6947
<http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/>

JAPAN CONSULATES

NORTHEAST

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston

Federal Reserve Plaza, 22nd Floor
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston MA 02210-2285
TEL: 617-973-9774
<http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html>

Consulate-General of Japan in New York

299 Park Ave, 18th Floor
New York NY 10171-0025
TEL: 212-371-8222
<http://www.ny.us.emb-japan.go.jp/en/html/index.html>

MIDWEST

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago

Olympia Centre, Suite 1100
737 North Michigan Ave
Chicago IL 60611
TEL: 312-280-0430
<http://www.chicago.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html>

Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600
Detroit MI 48243
TEL: 313-567-0120
<http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

SOUTH

Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta

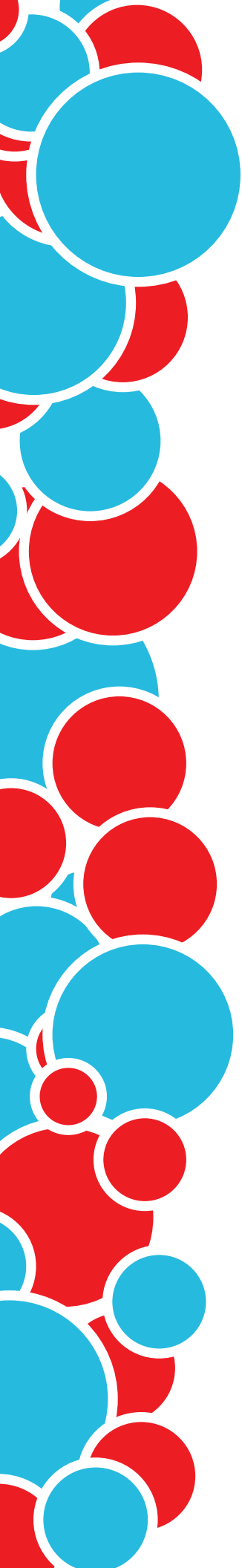
Phipps Tower, Suite 850
3438 Peachtree Road
Atlanta GA 30326
TEL: 404-240-4300
<http://www.atlanta.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.html>

Consulate-General of Japan in Miami

80 SW 8th Street Miami FL 33130-3047
TEL: 305-530-9090
<http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville

1801 West End Avenue, Suite 900
Nashville, TN 37203
TEL: 615-340-4300
http://www.nashville.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_ja/index.html



Japan Embassy and Consulates in the U.S.

Consulate-General of Japan in Houston
2 Houston Center Building, Suite 3000
909 Fannin Street
Houston TX 77010
TEL: 713-652-2977
http://www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index_e.htm

WEST

Consular Office of Japan in Anchorage
3601 C Street, Suite 1300
Anchorage AK 99503-5925
TEL: 907-562-8424
<http://www.anchorage.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle
601 Union Street, Suite 500
Seattle WA 98101-4015
TEL: 206-682-9107
<http://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.htm>

Consular Office of Japan in Portland
Wells Fargo Center, Suite 2700
1300 SW 5th Ave Portland OR 97201
TEL: 503-221-1811
http://www.portland.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html

Consulate-General of Japan in Denver
1225 17th Street, Suite 3000
Denver CO 80202-5505
TEL: 303-534-1151
<http://www.denver.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco
275 Battery Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco CA 94111
TEL: 415-780-6000
<http://www.sf.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles
350 South Grand Ave., Suite 1700
Los Angeles CA 90071-3459
TEL: 213-617-6700
<http://www.la.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu
1742 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu HI 96817-3294
TEL: 808-543-3111
<http://www.honolulu.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>

Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna
Suite 604, Guam International Trade Center Building
590 South Marine Drive
Tamuning, Guam 96911, U.S.A
TEL: 671-646-1290
http://www.hagatna.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_ja/index.html

Consulate-General of Japan in Saipan
P.O. Box 500407
Saipan, MP 96950-0407, U.S.A
TEL: 670-323-7201
<http://www.hagatna.us.emb-japan.go.jp/English/saipan%20top.htm>

JAPAN FOUNDATION

Japan Foundation actively engages in a wide range of cultural activities, including film screenings, language classes, library events and others.

Japan Foundation, Los Angeles
5700 Wilshire Blvd. # 100
Los Angeles, CA 90036
TEL: 323-761-7510
[HTTP://WWW.JFLALC.ORG/](http://WWW.JFLALC.ORG/)

Japan Foundation, New York
1700 Broadway, 15th Floor
New York, NY 10019
TEL: 212-489-0299
<http://www.jfny.org/index.php>



Japan America Societies

Japan America Societies (JAS) are non-profit organizations which serve to strengthen the understanding of Japan and its culture as well as the cooperation between Japan and the U.S. In total there are at least 43 JAS's, as listed below, which offer a variety of activities, such as festivals (listed in the "Festivals" section), cultural activities, Japanese language classes, athletic events, social occasions and more. They are not large organizations, -- except for Japan Society, Inc (New York), which has its own building -- but they are all open to anyone with Japan in their hearts.

NORTHEAST

The Japan Society of Boston, Inc.

c/o Showa Boston Institute
420 Pond Street Boston, MA 02130
TEL: (617) 522-0740
<http://www.japansocietyboston.org/>

Japan-America Society of Maine

<http://www.maine-japan.org/>

The Japan-America Society of New Hampshire

82 Court Street
Portsmouth NH 03801
TEL: (603) 436-4010
[http://www.portsmouthpeacetreaty.com/
japan_american.cfm](http://www.portsmouthpeacetreaty.com/japan_american.cfm)

Japan America Society of Vermont

123 Ethan Allen Ave
Colchester, VT 05446
TEL: (802) 865-9985
www.jasv.org

Japan Society of Greater Hartford

[https://sites.google.com/site/
japansocietygh/](https://sites.google.com/site/japansocietygh/)

Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival of Rhode Island

28 Pelham Street, Newport, RI 02840
TEL:(401) 846-2720
www.blackshipsfestival.com

Japan Society, Inc.

333 East 47 Street
New York, NY 10017-2313
TEL: (212) 832-1155
<http://www.japansociety.org>

Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania

600 Grant Street, Suite 444
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
TEL:(412) 433-5021
<http://www.us-japan.org/jasp>

Japan-America Society of Greater Philadelphia

200 South Broad Street Suite 910
Philadelphia, PA 19102
TEL: (267) 348-0250
<http://japanphilly.org>

The Japan Society

157 Adelaide Street West, Suite 604
Toronto, Ontario Canada M5H4E7
TEL: (416) 366-4196
<http://www.japansocietycanada.com>



Japan America Societies

Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario

One Woodward Avenue
P. O. Box 33840
TEL: (313) 596-0484
<http://us-japan-canada.org>

SOUTH

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC

1819 L Street, NW B2
Washington, DC 20036
TEL: (202) 833-2210
<http://www.jaswdc.org>

Japan/America Society of Kentucky

464 Chenault Rd
Frankfort, KY 40601
TEL: (502) 209-9630
<http://www.jask.org>

The Japan-America Society of Georgia

3121 Maple Drive, NE, Suite 224
Atlanta, GA 30305
TEL: (404) 842-1400
<http://www.jasgeorgia.org>

Japan-America Society of North Carolina

123 Glenhaven Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
TEL: (919)260-9052

Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida, Inc.

P.O. Box 933
Gulf Breeze, FL 32562
TEL:(850) 602-7049
<http://www.jasnwfl.org>

Japan-America Society of Tennessee, Inc.

PO Box 330003
Nashville, TN 37203
TEL: (615) 663-6060
<http://www.jastn.org>

The Japan America Society of Alabama

2150 15th Ave.
S. Birmingham, AL 35205
TEL: (205) 910-3876
<http://www.jasaweb.org>

The Japan-America Society of Mississippi

P.O. Box 16884
Jackson, MS 39236
TEL: (859) 881-9813
<http://www.jasmis-us.com>

The Japan Society of New Orleans

P.O. Box 56785
New Orleans, LA 70156
TEL: (504) 408-0963
<http://www.JapanSocietyOfNewOrleans.org>

The Japan-America Society of Houston

4543 Post Oak Place, Suite 220
Houston, TX 77027
TEL: (713) 963-0121
<http://jas-hou.org/>

Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth

11615 Forest Central Drive, Suite 206
LB 26 Dallas, TX 75243
TEL: (214) 342-2022
<http://www.jasdfw.org>

Japan-America Society of Greater Austin

PO Box 9276
Austin, TX 78766
TEL: (512) 656-4731
<http://www.jasga.org>

Japan-America Society of San Antonio

P.O. Box 460444
San Antonio, TX 78246
TEL:(210) 885-1626
<http://www.jas-sa.org>



Japan America Societies

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Japan-America Society of Chicago, Inc.
20 North Clark Street Suite 750
Chicago, IL 60602
TEL: (312) 263-3049
<http://www.jaschicago.org>

Japan-America Society of Indiana, Inc.
39 West Jackson Place Suite 50
Indianapolis, IN 46225
TEL: (317) 635-0123
<http://www.japanindiana.org>

The Japan-America Society of Wisconsin, Inc.
1110 N. Old World Third Street Suite 420
Milwaukee, WI 53203
TEL: (414) 225-6220

Japan America Society of Minnesota
Riverplace EH-131
43 Main Street, SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-1031
TEL: (612) 627-9357
<http://www.mn-japan.org>

Japan-America Society of Central Ohio
565 Metro Place South, Suite 300
Dublin, OH 43017-5382
TEL: (614) 300-3054
<http://jas-co.org>

Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati
3 East Fourth Street, Suite 100
Cincinnati, OH 45202
TEL: (513) 579-3150
<http://www.jasgc.org>

Japan America Society of St. Louis
366 SSB UMSL One University Blvd
St Louis, MO 63121-4400
TEL: (314) 516-5754
<https://jasstl.wordpress.com/>

Heart of America Japan-America Society
P.O. Box 22487
Kansas City, MO 64113-2487
TEL:(913) 707-8561
<http://www.kcjas.org>

Japan America Society of Iowa
PO Box 12093
Des Moines, IA 50312
<http://www.japaniowa.org/>

WEST

Japan America Society of the State of Washington
3010 77th Avenue SE, Suite
102 Mercer Island, WA 98040
TEL: (206) 374-0180
<http://www.jassw.org>

Japan-America Society of Oregon
221 NW Second Avenue, Suite 202
Portland, OR 97209
TEL: (503) 552-8811
<http://www.jaso.org>

Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana
4883 Ronson Court Suite A
San Diego, CA 92111
TEL: (858) 467-1727
<http://www.japan-society.org>

Japan America Society of Southern California
1411 West 190th Street Suite 380
Gardena, CA 90248
TEL: (310) 965-9050
<http://www.jas-socal.org>

Japan Society of Northern California
500 Washington Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94111
TEL: (415) 986-4383
<http://www.usajapan.org>



Japan America Societies

Japan America Society of Nevada

P.O. Box 81287
Las Vegas, NV 89180-1287
TEL: (702) 280-4858
<http://www.jasnlasvegas.org>

Japan America Society of Colorado

1373 Grant Street, #103
Denver, CO 80203
TEL: (303) 592-5364
<http://www.jascolorado.org>

Japan-America Society of Southern Colorado

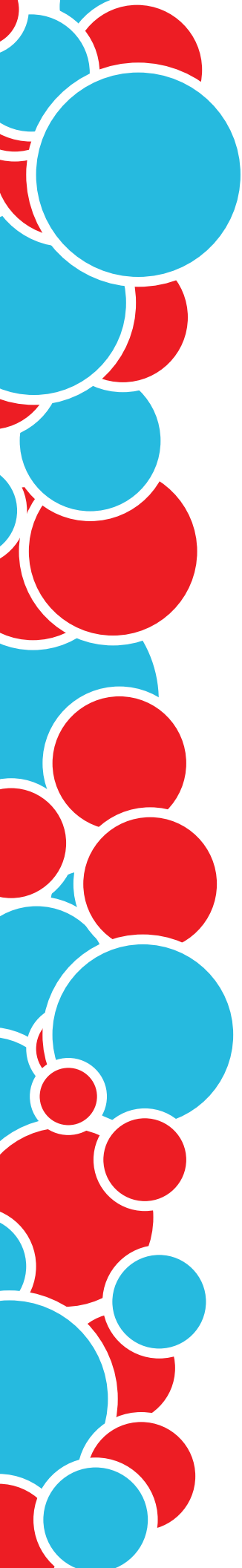
PO Box 1294
Colorado Springs, CO 80901
<http://www.japanamerica.org>

Japan America Society of New Mexico, Inc.

2935-C Louisiana NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
TEL: (505) 291-1177
<http://www.jasnm.org>

Japan-America Society of Hawaii

1600 Kapiolani Blvd, Suite 204
Honolulu, HI 96814-3878
TEL:(808) 524-4450
<http://www.jashawaii.org>



Japanese Language Schools

The available schools can be categorized into Japanese weekend schools, heritage schools/centers, and other language schools, which have classes on either weekdays or Saturdays. As mentioned above, many Japan America Societies as well as Japan Foundation offices have Japanese language classes, too.

JAPANESE WEEKEND SCHOOLS SATURDAYS

Many of these schools teach Japanese as well as other subjects, such as math, science, and social science. They also accommodate both advanced and native speaking students. Many of their websites are in Japanese, but the schools welcome anyone and everyone ranging from elementary to high school. *^^_^^*

There are 27 listed here but 70 or so in total. Contact your local Embassy or Consulate to learn more about these additional schools.

NORTHEAST

Arlington

792 Massachusetts Ave.
Arlington, MA 02476
TEL: (781) 641-2370
www.jlsboston.org

New Rochelle

56 Harrison Street, Suite 204
New Rochelle, NY 10801
TEL: (914) 636-3770
<http://www.jwsny.org>

Fort Lee

Two Executive Drive, Suite 660
Fort Lee, NJ 07024
TEL: (201) 585-0555
<http://www.jwsnj.org>

Princeton

14 Moore Street
Princeton, NJ 08542
TEL: (609) 683-5080
<http://www.pcjls.org/>

Wynnewood

1445 City Line Avenue, #3A
Wynnewood, PA 19096
TEL: (610) 642-1202
<http://www.jlsp.us/>

Pittsburgh

c/o Shady Side Academy Middle School
500 Squaw Run Road
East Pittsburgh, PA 15238
TEL: (412) 963-6358
<http://www.pittsburghjapaneseschool.org/>

Midwest


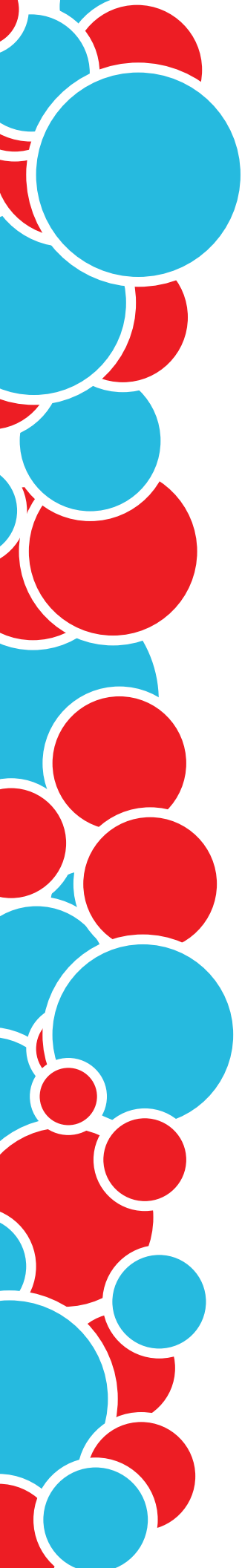
Novi
25345 Taft Rd.,
Novi, MI 48374
TEL: (248) 946-4697
<http://www.jsd.org/>

Arlington Heights

2550 N. Arlington Heights Rd.,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004-2531
TEL: (847) 590-5700
www.chicagohoshuko.com

Indianapolis

c/o The Orchard School
615 West 64th St.,
Indianapolis, IN 46260-1224
TEL: (317) 255-1631
www.indiana-j-school.net



Japanese Language Schools

Worthington

450 W. Wilson Bridge Rd. Suite 360
Worthington, Ohio 43085
TEL: (614) 436-0114
<http://www.columbushoshuko.com/>

Troy

2801 North Stringtown Rd.
Troy, Ohio 45373
TEL: (937) 332-1939
<http://wohjpschool.com/>

SOUTH

Washington DC

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
9101 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
TEL: (301) 962-7410
<http://www.wjls.org/>

Raleigh

5102 Oak Park Road
Raleigh, NC 27612
TEL: (919) 787-1300
<http://www.japanschoolraleigh.com/>

Highland Heights

MP-102 Northern Kentucky University
Nunn Dr.
Highland Heights, KY 41099
TEL: (859) 572-6197
<http://www.jls-cincinnati.edu/>

Lexington

Edythe J. Hayes Middle School
264 Richardson Place
Lexington KY 40509
TEL: (859) 272-4262
<http://www.ckjs.org>

Murfreesboro

805 S. Church Street
Jefferson Square Suite 8
Murfreesboro , TN 37130
TEL: (615) 849-8117
www.jsmt.org/

Maryville

c/o Maryville College
502 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville , TN 37804
TEL: (865) 981-8025
<http://www.etjs.org>

Mableton

1550 Pebblebrook Circle
Mableton, GA 30126
TEL: (770) 941-0533
<http://www.gjls.org/>

Houston

12651 Briar Forest Dr.
Suite 105 Houston, TX 77077
TEL: (281) 531-6743
<http://www.jeihouston.org/main.htm>

Dallas

4100 Alpha Rd. Suite 917
Dallas, TX 75244
TEL: (972) 458-0478
<http://www.godja.org/hoshuko/index.html>

Doral

3403 NW 82 Ave Suite 340
Doral, FL 33122
TEL: (305) 505-6493
<http://www.miamihoshuko.org/>

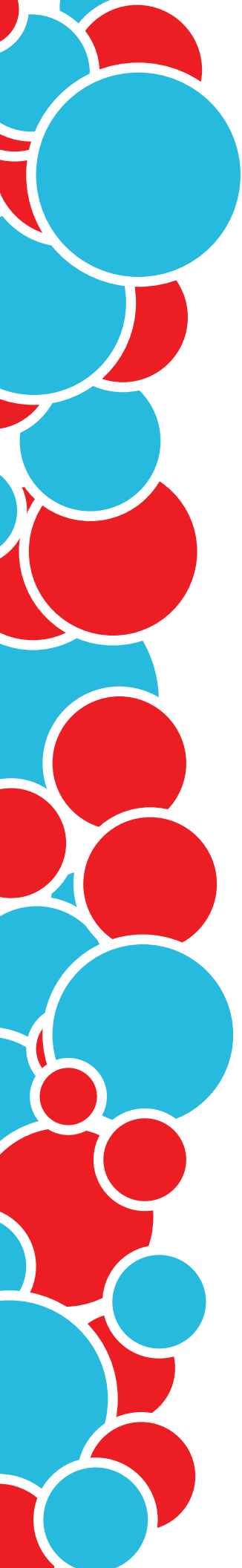
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Bellevue

919 124th Ave. NE #207
Bellevue, WA 98005
TEL: (425) 643-1661
<http://www.seajschool.org/>

Portland

Park Plaza West, Suite 600
10700 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy
Beaverton, Oregon 97005
TEL: (503) 641-9200
<http://www.shokookai.org/gakkou/main.htm>



Japanese Language Schools

San Francisco*

22 Battery Street, #612
San Francisco, CA 94111
TEL: (415) 989-4535
<http://www.sfjs.org/>

Los Angeles

244 S. San Pedro St., #308
Los Angeles, CA 90012
TEL: (213) 613-1325
www.asahigakuen.com

San Diego

9150 Chesapeake Dr. Suite #170
San Diego, CA 92131
TEL: (858) 578-0434
<http://www.sdminato.org>

Guam

170 Terao Street
Mangilao, Guam 96913
TEL: (671) 734-8025
http://japaneseschoolguam.com/?page_id=27

Honolulu

2454 South Beretania St., #202
Honolulu, HI 96826
TEL: (808) 947-3111
<http://www.hjschl.org/>

*San Francisco area also has 2 Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program schools.

Rose Parks Elementary School

1501 O'Farrell St
San Francisco, CA 94115
TEL: (415) 749-3519
<http://www.jbbpsf.org/>

Clarendon JBBP

500 Clarendon Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94131
TEL: (415) 759-2796
<http://parents.clarendonjbbp.org/>

HERITAGE SCHOOLS - SATURDAY

These schools are catered to children, who may not be proficient in Japanese but are eager to improve their language and communication skills. Their focus is on Japanese language learning, with a fun and creative approach. In addition, some adult classes are starting. While the schools' websites are in Japanese, they welcome anyone and everyone. *=[^]_[^]==*

Washington DC

Washington Japanese Heritage Center
8821 River Rd
Bethesda, MD 20817
TEL: (703) 868-3241
<http://www.keisho.org/e>

Seattle

Bellevue Children's Academy
Saturday School
14640 NE 24th
St, Bellevue, WA 98007
TEL: (425) 785-8032
<http://bcasaturdayschool.com/>

Learning Park

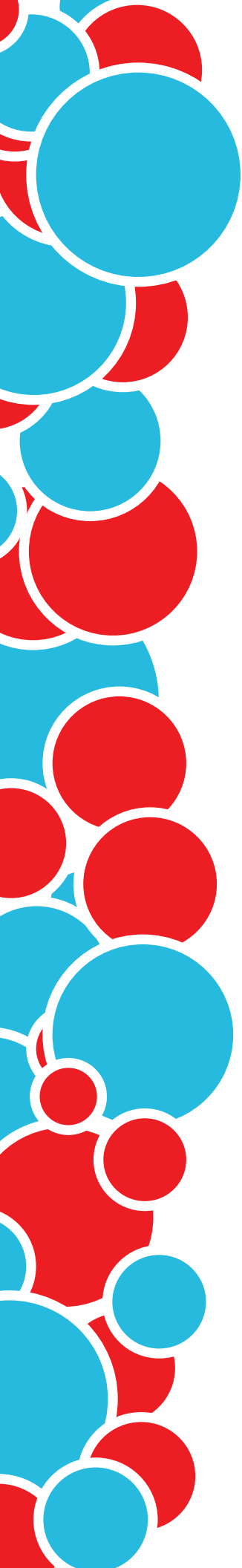
13240 NE 20th Street, Suite #13
Bellevue, WA 98005
TEL: (425) 641-5678
<http://www.mylearningpark.com/>

Little Pine Gakuen

Bothell Everett Hwy Suite B
Bothell, WA 98021
TEL: (425) 949-5264
<http://littlepinegakuen.com/>

Portland

Sakura-kai Summa Institute
2510 SW 1st Avenue
Portland, OR 97201
Contact: sakurakai4kids@gmail.com
<http://www.pdxsakurakai.org/page1.aspx>



Japanese Language Schools

Portland

Japanese Heritage School of Portland
16280 NW Bethany Ct., Suite 300
Beaverton, Oregon 97006
TEL: (503) 830-4464
<http://www.keishopdx.com/>

Beaverton

Taisei Learning Center
10500 Beaverton/Hillsdale Hwy
Beaverton, OR 97005
TEL: (503) 550-5525
<http://www.taiseicenter.com/index.html>

Atlanta

Tonbo Gakuen
1580 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30309
TEL: (770) 582-0345
<http://www.freewebs.com/tonboschool/>

Jacksonville

Jacksonville Japanese School
270 Kernan Blvd N
Jacksonville, FL 32225
Contact: jaxjapaneseschool@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/jaxfljapaneseschool/test1>

*List of Japanese schools of various levels in Northern California: http://www.sf.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jp/m07_01.htm

OTHER LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

They are open to all ages and run on weekdays/weekends. They cater to many different levels of proficiency.

Washington DC

Japanese Center Four Seasons
4915 Auburn Avenue, Suite 306
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3529
TEL: (301) 986-4942
<http://jcfourseasons.com/>

Boston

Showa Boston
420 Pond St
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
TEL: (617) 522-0080
<http://www.showaboston.org/jlc/index.htm>

Boston

Boston Language Institute
648 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)
Boston, MA 02215
TEL: (617) 262-3500
<http://www.bostonlanguage.com/fl/japanese.htm>

Nashville

Tennessee Foreign Language Institute
220 French Landing Drive, First Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
TEL: (615) 741-7579
<http://tfli.org/home-3/contact-2/>

Raleigh


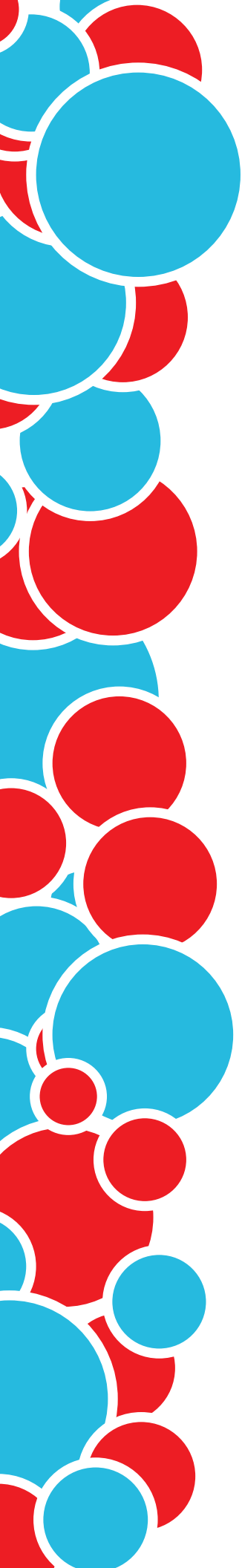
North Carolina Japan Center
705 Barbour Drive,
Raleigh, North Carolina
TEL: (919) 515-3450
<http://www.ncsu.edu/ncjapancenter/courses/>

Atlanta

Atlanta International Language Institute
5825 Glenridge Drive Building 2, Suite 118
Atlanta, GA 30328
TEL: (404) 250-0350
<http://www.languageatlanta.com/>

Seattle

Popy Study Room
Several locations near Seattle
TEL: 1 (800) 541-6604
<http://www.jkidssquare.com/room/index.html>



Japanese Language Schools

Seattle/Portland

Sugamo Advance School
Bethany Village
15188 NW Central Drive #211
Portland, OR 97229
TEL:503-690-0834
<http://www.sugamoadvance.com/>

and

The Glen Building A
19301 SE 34th St #100
Camas, WA 98607



Japanese Festivals

There are many Japan-related festivals around the U.S. The scale and feature of the festivals vary, so look into the websites listed below for more information about festivals near you. Please note that the festivals are not limited to the below.

NORTHEAST

Boston Japan Festival (April)

Boston Common
Boston, MA 02108
<http://www.japanfestivalboston.org/ja/>

Black Ships Festival (July)

www.newportevents.com/Blackships

Oshogatsu (January)

Boston Children's Museum
308 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210
<http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/calendar/oshogatsu-2014-japanese-new-years-celebration>

Manjiro Festival (October: Odd numbered years only.)

Center and Walnut Streets
Fairhaven
<http://fairhaventours.com/15th-manjiro-festival/>

Anime Boston

Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Boston Hotel
<http://www.animeboston.com/>

Vermont Matsuri (April)

<http://jasv.org/v2/matsuri/>

Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia (April)

Horticulture Center
Montgomery Drive & Belmont Avenue
Philadelphia 19131
<http://subarucherryblossom.org/>

New York Japan Week (Grand Central Station) (February)

<http://japanweek.us/>

Japan Day @ Central Park (May)

<http://www.japandaynyc.org/>

Annual New York Buddhist Church Obon & Odori Dance Summer Festival (July)

<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=33841>

Japan Block Fair (multiple times a year)

<http://www.japanblockfair.com/>

MIDWEST

Minneapolis Como Park Lantern Lighting Festival (August)

<http://mn-japan.org/ja/programs/lantern-lighting-festival/>

Saginaw(MI) Japan Festival (September)

<http://www.japaneseculturalcenter.org/events.html>

Detroit Novi Japan Festival (October)

<http://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/local/novi/2015/10/07/japan-novi-high-festival/73508818/>

Hinamatsuri (March)

<http://www.dia.org/calendar/event.aspx?id=3581&iid=>

Chicago CelebrAsian Asian Heritage Festival (May)

<http://www.iowaasianalliance.com/index.php/celebrasian-190> Japan Day (July)
<http://japandaychicago.org/>



Japanese Festivals

St. Louis Japanese Festival (August/September)

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/things-to-do/events/signature-events/japanese-festival.aspx>

Kansas City Japan Festival (October)

<http://www.kcjapanfestival.org/>

Omaha (NE) Fall Chrysanthemum Show (October, November)

http://www.lauritzengardens.org/Visit/Events_and_Exhibits/

SOUTH

Washington DC National Cherry Blossom Festival (late-March thru mid-April: three weeks)

<http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/about/nbcf-inc/>

Washington DC Sakura Matsuri Street Festival (mid-April)

<http://www.jaswdc.org/page-1451993>

Washington DC Ekoji Buddhist Temple Annual Summer Obon Festival (July)

<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=33791>

Washington DC Japanese New Year Celebration (January)

<http://jcaw.org/main/activities/events/new-year-festival-2015-en/>

Washington DC Okinawa Kai of Washington DC Spring Festival (late March or April)

Lexington (KY) Japan Summer Festival (Kentucky) (September)

<http://jask.org/Japan-Summer-Festival-2015>

Charlotte (NC) Bon Odori Festival (August)

<http://www.geocities.jp/jaclttest/ebonodori.html>

Greenville (SC) Bon Dance (August)

<https://greenvilleobon.wordpress.com/>

Macon (GA) International Cherry Blossom Festival (March/April: 10 days)

<http://www.cherryblossom.com/>

Conyers (GA) Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival (April)

<http://www.conyersga.com/visitors/events-and-attractions/cherry-blossom-festival>

Dunwoody (GA) Perimeter College Japan Fest (April)

<http://www.collegiannews.com/2014/10/japanfest-2014-a-culture-revealed/>

Duluth (GA) JapanFest (September)

<https://japanfest.org/>

Ball Ground (GA) Gibbs Garden Japanese Arts & Culture Festival (October)

<http://www.gibbsgardens.com/event/japanese-arts-and-cultural-festival/>

Birmingham (AL) Sakura Cherry Blossom Festival (March)

<http://www.bbgardens.org/index2.php>

Tuscaloosa (AL) Sakura Festival (April)

<http://uanews.ua.edu/2014/04/uas-sakura-festival-returns-to-celebrate-japanese-culture/>

Decatur (AL) Decatur Daikin Festival (May)

<http://www.decaturcvb.org/item/daikin-japanese-festival>



Japanese Festivals

Miami Hatsume Fair (April)

4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
<http://morikami.org/event/hatsume-fair/>

Tampa Natsumatsuri (July)

Christ the King Catholic Church
821 S Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa
<http://www.meetup.com/ja/japanese-571/events/168754692/>

Bon Fest Pensacola (August)

LEGION FIELD RESOURCE CENTER
GYMNASIUM
1301 W Gregory St,
Pensacola, FL 32502
<http://bonfestpensacola.weebly.com/>

Experience Asia (October)

Lewis and Bloxham Parks
Downtown Tallahassee, Florida
<http://www.asianth.org/>

Lantern Festival (October)

4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
<http://morikami.org/cultural-programs/lantern-festival/>

Orlando Japan Festival (November)

The Village at Hunter's Creek
13574 Village Park Drive
Orlando, FL 32837
<http://www.jorlando.org/>

Oshougatsu (January)

4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
<http://morikami.org/cultural-programs/oshougatsu/>

Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival (April)

<http://nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org/>

Moon Viewing Celebration (September)

http://www.cheekwood.org/Public_Programs/Japanese_Moon_Viewing_Celebration.aspx

New Orleans Japan Fest (October)

<http://www.nola.com/events/event/japan-fest/138882/>

Houston Japan Festival Houston (April)

<http://www.houstonjapanfest.org/>

Dallas Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival (October)

http://jasdfw.org/pages/program_events_calendar.html

Austin Aki Matsuri Japan Fall Festival (October)

<https://www.jasga.org/2015-aki-matsuri-japan-fall-festival>

San Antonio Aki Matsuri (October)

<http://www.jas-sa.org/>

WEST

Anchorage Japanese Summer Festival (August)

University of Alaska
Anchorage Campus
<http://www.jsak.org/events.html>

Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival (April)

<http://www.cherryblossomfest.org/>

Eastside Japan Festival (September)

<http://enma.org/>

Olympia (WA) Oshogatsu in Olympia (January)

<http://celebratejapan.org/>



Japanese Festivals

Portland (Beaverton) Oregon Summer Festival (July)

https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Japan-in-Oregon-267487390003070/info/?ref=page_internal

Portland (Beaverton) Festival Japan (September)

<http://jaso.org/>

Portland Mochi-tsuki (rice cake pounding)

<http://mochipdx.org/>

Idaho Japan Festival (September)

<http://idahojapaneseassociation.org/japanday2015/>

Denver Japan Festival (March)

<http://www.santafejin.org/>

Hana Matsuri (April)

Salt Lake Nihon Matsuri (April)

<http://www.nihonmatsuri.com/>

Laramie(WY) Festival of Japan (October)

<http://jaswy.org/index.shtml>

Las Vegas Aki Matsuri Japanese Festival (October)

<http://www.lvakimatsuri.com/>

San Francisco Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival (April)

<http://sfcherryblossom.org/>

J-Pop Summit (August)

<http://www.j-pop.com/>

Millbrae Japanese Cultural Festival (October)

<http://www.japaneseculturefest-millbrae.org/>

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival (April)

<http://www.cupertinotoyokawa.org/cherry-blossom-festival/>

Sonoma Matsuri! Sonoma County Japanese Art Festival (May)

<http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/>

San Jose Hakone Matsuri (May)

<http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/>

Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair (June)

<http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/>

Los Angeles Niseiweek Japanese Festival (August)

<http://www.jas-sa.org/>

LA/San Diego/Orange County Japan Fair (August: these three locations)

<http://japanfair.org/>

Los Angeles LA Eiga Festival (Japanese Film Festival) (around September)

<http://www.laeigafest.com/>

Torrance/San Diego Bridge USA Summer Festival (July)

<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/index.php?eID=33681>

Phoenix Arizona Matsuri (February)

<http://www.azmatsuri.org/>

Albuquerque New Mexico Aki Matsuri (Japanese Fall Festival) (September)

<http://www.nmjacl.org/>

Cherry Blossom Denver Festival (June)

<http://cherryblossomdenver.org/>

Children's Day by Japan America Society of Southern Colorado (May)

<http://www.japanamerica.org/event-1895460>



Japanese Festivals

Hawaii Cherry Blossom Festival (March)
<http://cbfhawaii.com/>

**Hawaii New Year's Ohana Festival
(January)**
[http://www.jcch.com/index.php/
thingstodo/ohana](http://www.jcch.com/index.php/thingstodo/ohana)

**Hawaii Waimea Cherry Blossom
Heritage Festival (February)**
[https://www.facebook.com/
Waimea-Cherry-Blossom-Heritage-
Festival-195555713803758/](https://www.facebook.com/Waimea-Cherry-Blossom-Heritage-Festival-195555713803758/)

Hawaii Honolulu Festival (March)
<http://www.honolulufestival.com/en/>

Hawaii Pan Pacific Festival (June)
<http://www.pan-pacific-festival.com/>

Hawaii Matsuri Kauai (July)
http://kauaijcs.org/?page_id=1191



Anime Conventions

Here is a list of Anime Conventions in US:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_anime_conventions



Japanese Gardens

There are over 250 Japanese gardens in North America. Check out the website of the North American Japanese Garden Association (NAJGA) (<http://www.najga.org/>). You can locate the nearest Japanese garden using the Finder.



Cultural Groups

Both cultural centers and community groups are actively engaged in events and/or exchange programs. Many of their websites have lots of detailed content. For example, Okinawa Kai (DC) hosts a large festival during the spring that is open anyone. They are worthwhile looking into for some fun and education.

Washington DC

US-Japan Council, DC
1819 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington DC 20036
TEL: (202) 223-6840
<http://ja.usjapanCouncil.org/>

Washington DC

Okinawa Kai of Washington DC
7689 Middle Valley Dr.
Springfield, VA 22153
<http://okinawakai.org/>

New York

Okinawa American Association of
New York
Contact: smhamaker@gmail.com
<http://www.aaany.org/ja/>

New York

J-Collabo 300 7th Street
Brooklyn, New York (location of J-Labo)
http://j-collabo.org/j_lab0/j-labo/

Anchorage

Montgomery Dickson Center for Japanese
Language & Culture
3211 Providence Drive, ADM 287
Anchorage, AK 99508
Contact: Dr. Hiroko Harada, Director
hharada@uaa.alaska.edu
TEL: 907-786-4038
[https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/mdc/events/
index.cfm](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/mdc/events/index.cfm)

Saginaw (MI)

Japanese Cultural Center
Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw 527
Ezra Rust Dr
Saginaw, MI 48601
TEL: (989)759-1648
<http://www.japaneseculturalcenter.org/>

Seattle

Japanese Cultural and Community Center
of Washington
The Issei Legacy Site
1414 South Weller Street
Seattle, WA 98144
TEL: (206) 568-7114
<https://jcccw.org/>

Los Angeles

Japanese American National Museum
100 North Central Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90012
TEL: 213.625.0414
Toll-Free: 800.461.5266
<http://www.janm.org/>

Los Angeles

US-Japan Council, LA
2207 Colby Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064
TEL: (310) 500-2873

Los Angeles

Japanese American Cultural &
Community Center
244 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
TEL: 213-628-2725
<http://www.jacc.org/>



Alumni Groups

JUMP organizes many events that connect past and present service members, families, and government civilians who have served in Japan.

Japan US Military Program (JUMP)

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

1819 L St NW #300

Washington, DC 20036

TEL: 202 (296) 6694

<http://www.jumprogram.org/>



References on Third Culture Kids

The Embassy of Japan will be providing information on TCK-related resources and activities via our new TCK Facebook page listed below. Please also check your local resources for TCK activities and meet-ups near you.

If you are just learning about what it means to be a TCK, the book ***Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds*** is a widely respected TCK reference.

KEY LINKS

Japan in Your Heart-TCK Facebook (Launching Soon!)

www.facebook.com/JIYH.TCK/
(It will include TCK-related information, interview articles and online information package)

Third Culture Kids: the impact of growing up in a globalized world

By Ruth Van Reken
TEDxINSEAD
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrVWHfEQz6A>

When You're A Third Culture Kid

<http://whentheyoureathirdculturekid.tumblr.com/>

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

***Third Culture Kid - Wikipedia**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_culture_kid#General_characteristics

Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds

By Ruth Van Reken and David Pollack
<http://www.amazon.com/Third-Culture-Kids-Growing-Revised/dp/1857885252>

Denizen Magazine

<http://denizenmag.com/>

TCKid

<http://tckid.com/what-is-a-tck.html>

So Where's Home? A Film About Third Culture Kid Identity

<https://vimeo.com/41264088>