

# EXCHANGES

Japanese Sister City

July/August 2010

Newsletter

## Independence Is Happy to Host Japanese Students



Above Left to Right: Holding special cake made by American Rosie Smith is Escort Hiromi Taniguchi, Ayumi Kubota, Ririko Umehara, Masami Takahashi, Ouka Yamaguchi, Ayaka Kamagata, Hayato Kaneko, Ririko Umehara, Shimpei Moriyama, Mina Sakai and Rosie Smith.

Right: The group went to Leavenworth, KS with Ken Mulliken for a tour of the Sisters of Charity and St. Mary University. They are sitting by a statue of the founding Mother Ross, who was known for her great generosity.



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*For people who love to share their lives with others!*

Below: Kimiko Sato with Mr. Ohno



### Special Person Space

Kimiko Sato, Vice President of HIFA lives in our Sister City and not only works with the committees to plan, put on and host our students while in Japan, she also plays a major part in the Exchange Students that come to America and Escort. Kimiko's duties do not change from year to year, since the HIFA positions do not change.





Hot Dog Cook-Out & Campfire



Sports & Chatting

Songs & Skits



Meet, Greet & Eat



Making Friends

## Pontoon Boat, Motor Boat, Tubes, Noodles & Swimming



Students join friends in a loved American activity of water fun on Blue Springs Lake, learning the ropes from the Moxley family.



The three oldest of the four Moxley daughters have gone to Japan as Exchange Students. Also the family has hosted each year. Below they are with Ririko their new daughter in 2010 trip at the Farewell Luau Party. Kathy and Gary are at each end with Ririko next to Kathy.



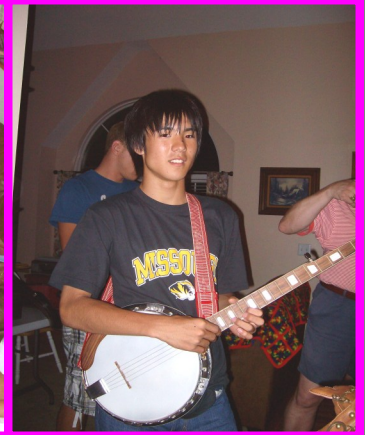
## Japanese Sister City

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All contact information & applications are on the WEB SITE. Taking applications for the 2011 trip. October Garden Clean Up Day for all interested and Glendale Performance at Japan Festival!



Above: The Snethen Family & Mina.  
Below: Big Bugs at Powell. Gardens



## What makes this Sister City Exchange so special?

### It is the home stay.

Families find out what makes the student special, such as a talent or desire that they have. In two weeks of eating together, sharing time and talking they really feel a part of an American family. Even the smallest child says that they don't want their brother or sister from Japan to go home. For the Americans, seeing your every day life, your home town and your family through the eyes of the student is an experience all in itself. It is much different to stay in a home than to stay in a hotel while touring the local sites. There is a connection that tourist just don't get. So think about hosting next year. It just might be the best time you ever spent in your own town. Above two host families got together for a music session & cook-out. There are a few family nights and weekends left open without any planned activities. You can decide what your students needs.

## Up Coming JSCC Events:

### Santa-Cali-Gon Parking

Spend time with your Sister City friends helping park cars. Money raised will help support the 2011 Student Exchange Program. You, your family and friends are invited to participate Sept. 3rd-6th. The Committee only gets to work this lot every 7 years. So please consider helping out. Call Jeannae Segura-Brown for more information.

### The Japan Festival

The annual Greater Kansas City Japan Festival sponsored by several area organizations will be held Saturday, October 2nd at Johnson County Community College. The event will feature a performance by the Glendale Japan Club. Other events include art, presentations, performances, lectures and sales booths.

### Motaku Convention

Look for information on the upcoming Motaku Convention to be held in October.



Just being American teenagers.

