



Sakura Gakuen Japanese Language School

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Annual Field Trip - Saturday, April 18

Japanese Tea Garden & Northern CA Cherry Blossom Festival

For our annual field trip this year, we will head to San Francisco's Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park and the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

"Experience the natural beauty, tranquility and harmony of a Japanese-style garden in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Originally created as a 'Japanese Village' exhibit for the 1894 California Midwinter International Exposition, the site originally spanned about one acre and showcased a Japanese style garden." Find out more: japaneseteagardensf.com

The festival (matsuri), a tradition in the Bay Area since 1967, is an exciting and delicious way to experience Japanese and Japanese-American culture in our region. There will be plenty of music, cultural performances and exhibits, food and booths sponsored by local organizations and craftspeople lining up the cordoned-off streets.

The festival itself is held over two weekends (April 11-12 and April 18-19), and is regarded as one of the largest Japanese festivals in the United States. Whether it's your family's first or tenth time attending, it will be a memorable experience.

Some families choose to drive to San Francisco that day, but Sakura Gakuen has reserved a 56-seater charter bus, Gary Express, for this field trip. Taking the bus allows you to relax, not worry about traffic or parking, and meet other families! Since space is limited, seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Schedule for Saturday, April 18, 2105:

- 7:30am: Arrive at Sakura Gakuen and load bus
- 8:00am: Depart Sakura Gakuen
- 10:00am: Arrive at Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park
Enjoy one hour at the garden
- 11:00am: Meet at the bus location, depart for Japantown
- 11:30am: Enjoy time at the Northern CA Cherry Blossom Festival
Event schedule can be found at: sfcherryblossom.org
- 3:30pm: Meet at bus location
- 4:00pm: Depart San Francisco
- 6:00pm: Arrive back to Sakura Gakuen

COSTS:

Students: FREE
\$20.00 refundable deposit required for reservation. Will be refunded once loaded on bus.

Parents/Guardians: \$20.00

Children under 3: FREE

Guests: \$20.00

Guests will be considered if space is available.

Note: From 10:00am arrival times are estimates, and will depend on traffic.
Meeting times at Japanese Tea Garden will be determined after arrival.

Questions? Contact: Aileen Niizawa Morris
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✂ Cut here and enclose with payment/deposit

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Will / Will Not ride the bus.
(please circle one)

(print student's name here)

Name relationship to above-named student volunteer chaperone (Y/N)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

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Deposit amount for student/s: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____