We Need Your Help! How Can I Get Involved?

Gain lifelong friendships while discovering more about Japan, its unique culture & customs, while learning more about yourself!

1. Join organizing/planning committees & sub-committees
2. Help plan and volunteer Atlanta tours, activities, and events
3. Be a Host Family and share the true meaning of Southern Hospitality with someone from Japan
4. Recruit host families and volunteer to help planning of the Local Community activities and events
5. Recruit volunteers and help train and coordinate other volunteers

Target Local Community Sessions for Homestays & Local Activities
Alpharetta/Milton, Athens, Atlanta, College Park/Forest Park, Columbus, Conyers, Covington, Cumming, Dahlonega, Decatur, Douglasville, Dublin, Duluth/Gwinnett, Elberton, Gainesville, Kennesaw, La Grange, Macon, Marietta, McDonough, Newnan, Peachtree City, Rome, Roswell, and many more!

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**What is the Japan-America Grassroots Summit?**
The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. The summit aims to strengthen the peaceful relationship between Japan and America by fostering grassroots friendships through a 1 week exchange program for all ages. The Summit typically draws 150-200 participants, where they take part in tourist activities in the host city for 3 days and live with host families and take part in local community activities in the surrounding host communities for 3 days.

**Historical Background**
The Summit honors the unique friendship between John Manjiro Nakahama and Captain William H. Whitfield, a relationship begun in 1841 and carried on by their families for 170 years. Young Manjiro, a fisherman shipwrecked at age 14, was rescued and befriended by Captain Whitfield, a whaler from Massachusetts. Taken to and educated in the United States, Manjiro eventually returned to Japan and became a key figure in early U.S.-Japan relations. To this day, both the Nakahama and Whitfield families participate in every Grassroots Summit!

**2016 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Greater Atlanta**
*Tuesday, October 4 ~ Tuesday, October 11, 2016*

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