The 26th Japan – America
GRASSROOTS SUMMIT
2016 in Greater Atlanta

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The Origin of The Grassroots

The friendship between Nakahama (John) Manjiro & Captain William Whitfield marks the beginning of Japan-America grassroots exchange. In 1841 an American whaling boat rescued five shipwrecked Japanese fishermen who were marooned on a remote Pacific island. Among the five was a fourteen year old boy called Manjiro. Manjiro's intelligent good nature soon earned him great respect among the American crew. He was given the name John, and taken back to Fairhaven Massachusetts to receive an American education. Under the care of the ship's captain William H. Whitfield, Manjiro studied not only English, science and navigation, but also about American culture and values - about freedom, democracy and hospitality. At that time Japan was under the rule of the Tokugawa Shogunate, whose policy of isolationism meant that leaving the country was an offense punishable by death. After 10 years in America however Manjiro was determined to return home, to pass on the knowledge and goodwill he had received from Whitfield and the community of Fairhaven. Not long after Manjiro returned to Japan, Commodore Perry arrived calling for an end to isolationism, an event which lead to the birth of modern Japan. John Manjiro played a crucial role in these events, both interpreting and negotiating for the Shogunate, and introducing and explaining American culture and technology to the Japanese. The friendship between John Manjiro and Captain Whitfield has resulted in more than 170 years of friendship between their descendants. Members of the Whitfield and Nakahama families play a pivotal role in CIE Summits, and serve as a reminder of the enormous potential of grassroots exchange.

Executive Summary

The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual large-scale meeting of Japanese and American citizens, held alternately in Japan and America. It celebrates the historic friendship between Nakahama Manjiro and Captain William Whitfield. Whitfield rescued the marooned Manjiro in 1841 and shared his own home with him. Later, Manjiro’s rare command of English and salutary experience in America became pivotal to the Japan/US relationship after Perry’s arrival in 1853. Each year, Japanese prefectures and American states alternate as hosts for about a week, sharing their homes and the unique features of their communities. More than 100 people usually participate as guests, enjoying sight-seeing, cultural activities, welcome and closing ceremonies, and staying with a host family. The guests and hosts make meaningful memories together in the spirit of Omotenashi - uninhibited hospitality and friendship.

4 Unique Points of Grassroots Summit:

1. Homestay: there is no better way to enjoy the full scope of life in a foreign country.
2. A Japanese prefecture or US state organizes the hosting side and involves hundreds of volunteers to make the experience special for their guests.
3. Hosts prepare for guests with zero command of the native language. Everyone enjoys hand-signs and creative ways to communicate during the 1-week program.
4. Guests of all ages and backgrounds participate each year, from first-timers to seasoned travelers, ages 3 to 93.

The 2016 Japan-America Grassroots Summit is organized by the Japan-America Society of Georgia and the John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange, and presented in cooperation with the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta, host cities, and partnering community organizations.

Grassroots Summit Mission: The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual one-week cultural exchange program for Japanese and American citizens of all ages, held alternately each year in Japan and the United States. An average of 200 people travels across the Pacific to take part to strengthen the peaceful relationship between the two countries by fostering peace and friendship at the grassroots level.

John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE) Mission: CIE’s aim is to promote 'Grassroots Exchange', i.e. the free exchange of opinions between individual citizens of America and Japan, and through this to further mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries.
The Japan-America Society of Georgia Mission: The Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote mutual understanding between the people of Japan and the State of Georgia through establishing and promoting ties and programs in the areas of business, culture, customs, education, commerce, politics, and social networking.

The John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative CIE started in 1990 and Grassroots Summits have been held in America and Japan for the past 25 years (since 1991). Each year an average of 100-200 people travels across the Pacific to take part. Including host participants, more than 40,000 people have participated in this grassroots exchange. More information can found at: http://www.manjiro.or.jp/e/.

Objectives:
1. Identify 15 Key Persons in areas to hold local sessions for local session planning and homestay recruitment for 150+ people
2. Plan and organize local Atlanta tours, hotel stays, local sessions with host families, opening and closing ceremonies, and all logistics.
3. Recruit and train 125 volunteers to aid in Atlanta area events, opening and closing ceremonies, local sessions, hotels, and logistics
4. Raise a minimum of $80,000 for Summit expenditures
Grassroots Summit Report

122 Japanese participants from Japan came to Atlanta between October 4 through October 11, for the 2016 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Greater Atlanta. They were joined by representatives for the National Association of Japan America Societies, and support from CIE and NTA to experience southern hospitality and grassroots relationship building.

Volunteers met the arriving participants at Hartsfield Airport in Atlanta on October 4 and accompanied them to their hotel, the Georgian Terrace (busses provided by Affinity International and Harmon Brothers). Guests were given the opportunity to have dinner in the downtown area or provided a boxed dinner (from Einstein/Caribou) if they arrived after dinner.

On October 5, volunteers took participants on pre-selected tours of Atlanta and returned to an Opening Ceremony at the Fox Theater:

- **Tours:**
  - Golf: 7 Japanese participants, 24 JASG participants
  - Atlanta Attractions: 47 Japanese participants, 3 volunteers/translators for CNN, 3 CIE participants
  - MLK 1: 38 Japanese Participants, 2 volunteers
  - MLK 2: 39 Japanese participants, 2 volunteers; due to plan changes with the King Center presentation, we needed to obtain the services of a translator

- **Opening Ceremony:** 162 Japanese participants and CIE staff + 181 local guests, sponsors, and VIPs

On Thursday, October 6, volunteers accompanied participants to local sessions in 15 different locales around Georgia (busses provided by Affinity International and Harmon Brothers, boxed lunches provided by Einstein/Caribou):

- Bus 1 (38 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Bus 2 (16 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Bus 3 (27 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Van 1 (11 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Van 2 (9 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Van 3 (9 Japanese participants and volunteer)
- Macon Bus (Provided by Macon Local Session, 15 participants and volunteer)

On Sunday, October 9, participants returned to the Atlanta area for a day at Stone Mountain Park and a Closing Ceremony (182 Japanese Participants and CIE staff + 243 Host Family participants + 62 JASG/Consulate affiliated participants and volunteers). After the Closing ceremony, participants checked into the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference resort.

On Monday, October 10, volunteers accompanied participants to the airport to return to Japan or to go to post-summit activities.

The Atlanta Programs Committee selected the locations for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and devised the content of the local Atlanta tours with CIE input. Representatives from local State and City governments were on hand as well as Ambassador Sasae and Consul General Shinozuka from Japan. The committee chose to focus on local music styles at the ceremonies, signing the Atlanta Jazz Trio and the gospel group Collective Voice for the Opening Ceremony and the barbershop quartet 129 & Counting with the Bluegrass Sound Band for the Closing Ceremony.
The Local Community committee found home stays and planned local activities for the participants in 15 locales in the Georgia area with support from Consul General Shinozuka. The PR and Marketing committee worked closely with local session media outlets to spread word of the summit and the arrival of Japanese participants to the local areas.

The Volunteer Committee was only able to secure half of its goal of 125 volunteers all summit functions were adequately staffed due to volunteer commitment to be available for multiple shifts. The committee sought volunteers through several methods, including e-mail call for volunteers, newsletters, and social media. Volunteers recruited from different sources are detailed below:
Video: www.dropbox.com/sh/0wla5uoqgkpxbs/AADoqSWBUQf9rfqBsuCSWGSMa?dl=0

Print Media & PR Exposure
- JASG Brochure, Newsletter, Print Advertisements
- CIE Japan Brochure, Newsletter, Print Advertisements
- Axis Atlanta (Japanese Magazine in metro-Atlanta)
- J-News (Japanese Newspaper in metro-Atlanta)
- Courier Atlanta (Dublin Newspaper)
- Fitzgerald Herald Leader (Fitzgerald Newspaper)
- Macon-Bibb County 2016-2017 Youth Commission Brochures
- Middle Georgia Informer (Macon Newspaper)
- Rome Chamber of Commerce Momentum Magazine
- Rome News Tribune (Rome Newspaper)

Online & Digital Media & PR Exposure
- Summit Photos: https://goo.gl/photos/yeKUPNt4SUzhwzm7
- Opening Photos: https://goo.gl/photos/MMeLv4kA3oC16Ypu8
- Closing Photos: https://goo.gl/photos/qUb1Px29huGWePSx5
- JASG: www.jasgeorgia.org/2016-Grassroots-Summit
- CIE Japan: www.manjiro.or.jp/jpn/atlanta/index.html

Social Media
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBSbcF_HbK4
- www.linkedin.com/pulse/mathews-chair-atlanta-programs-committee-26th-summit-aiyana-mathews
- www.thecrowdfundingcenter.com/?page=project&id=658388

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JCCG
- www.jccg.org/index.php?option=com_filearchive&task=filearchive.download&id=468&key=865008a0f1a1ef32268f2f9326c8a0
- www.jccg.org/index.php?option=com_filearchive&task=filearchive.download&id=469&key=4c1e5a6b5f336a7d443a239c2940224e

Partnering Organizations
- GlobalAtlanta Online Newsletter Banner & Advertisements
- usjapantomodachi.org/tomodachi-cie-grassroots-summit-in-oita/
- scholarworks.gsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1106&context=anthro_theses
- http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=77eca2bc4d2b666a1b2bfa1f6&id=231fc0cf1c

Atlanta

Alpharetta-Oct. 11
- http://miltonherald.com/
Elberton – Dec. 2015
- http://www.elberton.com/japan%E2%80%99s-consulate-general-visits-elberton

Dahlonega

Decatur

Fitzgerald

Gainesville - July

Macon
- http://www.maconbibb.us/tag/middle-georgia-state-university/
- http://www.maconbibb.us/thirdyouthsummit/

Newnan

Rome - August
What is the Japan-America Grassroots Summit?

The Japan-America Grassroots Summit is an annual one-week cultural exchange program for Japanese and American citizens of all ages, held alternately each year in Japan and the United States. Each year an average 200 people travel across the Pacific to take part to strengthen the peaceful relationship between the two countries by fostering peace and friendship at the grassroots level.

The Summit honors one of the first friendships between an American and a Japanese – Captain William H. Whitfield, a whaler, and John Manjiro Nakahama, a young fisherman and the first Japanese citizen to be educated in America. Their life-long friendship, a unique bond begun in 1841, continues through their descendants to the present day. Manjiro’s knowledge of America facilitated the opening of Japan to trade with the western world following the arrival of Commodore Matthew C. Perry in 1853. Manjiro taught English, navigation, ship-building and American ideas, such as democracy, to young Japanese samurai who led Japan to modernize and join the developed world.
日米草の根サミット大会ってなに？

25 Years
43,823 Participants

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Opening Ceremony: Welcome speeches, local entertainment, and local cuisine are offered at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. This convivial party is the first opportunity for participants to meet the people of their host region, including volunteers, artists, and dignitaries. During the day of the Ceremony, local sight-seeing tours are available.

Local Sessions and Home Stay: Participants leave in the morning for their homestay town and stay with their host family for four days and three nights. Guests pre-select a “local session” of interest to them based on previews they receive in a brochure. During the homestay days, the local town leaders and host families work together to share the best that their community has to offer. This person-to-person exchange and shared enthusiasm for local and cultural experiences is the essence of the Japan/America Grassroots Summit.

Closing Ceremony: After the Local Sessions, everyone gathers together for a Closing Ceremony and Farewell Program to reflect on and celebrate their experiences. These are attended not only by the participants but also by host families, volunteers and others who have connected during the Summit. This three-part exchange program consistently gives hundreds of Japanese and American citizens a chance to enjoy all that is best from their homes in a way that they say they never forget.
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**ITINERARY**

日本-アメリカグローバルサミットスケジュール

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<td>10/5（水）</td>
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<td>ホテル入退店 check-in check-out</td>
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<td>アトランタ地域分科会 wakes up</td>
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食事について：○参加費に含む、●地元でのおもてなし、×参加費に含まれない

※プログラムや送迎家庭による

参加費に含まれる食事回数：朝9回・昼0回・夜0回（地元でのおもてなしや、ホストファミリーとの食事あり）

朝:5時〜8時 午前:8時〜12時 午後:12時〜16時 夕刻:16時〜20時
## OPENING HOTEL – GEORGIAN TERRACE HOTEL
CHECK-IN: OCTOBER 4, 2016 | CHECK-OUT: OCTOBER 6, 2016

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**Address/Phone/Internet Information:**

- 659 Peachtree Street, N.E.
- Atlanta, Georgia 30308
- Phone: (404) 897-1991
- Guest Fax: (404) 724-9116
- Sales Phone: (404) 898-8333
- Sales Fax: (404) 724-0642
- Toll-free reservations: (800) 651-2316
- Web site: [www.thegeorgianterrace.com](http://www.thegeorgianterrace.com)

**Hotel Info./Features/Amenities:**

- Number of Rooms: 320 Suites, 6 Penthouse Suites
- Suite Amenities: All rooms have coffee makers, iron/board, hair dryers
- Some Suites have Full kitchens and washer/dryers
- Restaurants: Livingston, MIM’s, Proof & Provision
- Cocktail Lounges: Livingston Bar/Lounge, Proof & Provision
- Check In/Out: Check In: 3:00 PM; Check out: Noon
- Room Service Hours: 6:30 AM-11:00 PM Midnight
- Television: Standard cable service, In-room movies
- Internet Connectivity: FREE WIFI throughout the hotel
- Laundry Service: Valet service available, some in-room washer/dryers
- Pets: Pets are allowed (restrictions apply)
- Parking: Covered garage located adjacent to hotel.
- Parking Fee: $25.00 Self Parking, $30.00 Valet Parking Nightly
- Rooms Taxes: 16% Room tax (8% state & local, 8% occupancy)
Metro-Atlanta and 15 surrounding areas in Georgia hosted the 2016 Japan-Atlanta Grassroots Summit which took place October 4-11, 2016. The summit is help alternately in the U.S. and Japan in different cities each year. Organized jointly by the Japan-America Society of Georgia (JASG) and the John Manjiro Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE), the 2016 Summit highlighted Southern hospitality and culture while fostering grassroots friendships through a tour and homestay program for Japanese of all ages. This year’s Summit showcased popular and historical attractions in Atlanta and Georgia, the rich culture and traditions of the South, and the businesses that help foster Atlanta’s importance in the region.

The participants arrived Tuesday October 4th. The first plane arrived in the afternoon and participants had their first glimpse of Atlanta. Thanks to support and special access granted by the City of Atlanta Mayor’s Office and Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Summit volunteers were able to welcome the participants at the gate and took them to retrieve their luggage. As part of Atlanta’s Southern Hospitality charm, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed welcomed everyone to Atlanta over the PA system at the airport. On the bus to the hotel, volunteers pointed out landmarks visible from the highway: The Capital building, the Varsity, Turner Field, etc. Volunteers met two more planes in the evening and checked in all participants at the historical Georgian Terrace Hotel, right across the street from the Fox Theater. Participants who arrived early ate dinner with volunteers at restaurants surrounding the hotel and participants who arrived late received a box dinner to eat at the hotel.
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Wednesday started with the participants meeting volunteers to take them on tours of the Atlanta area. The tours, pre-selected by the participants, were divided into three options: playing golf at the world-famous Eastlake Golf Club, a tour of Atlanta attractions (the Atlanta Aquarium, the CNN center, and the World of Coca-Cola), and a tour showcasing Atlanta’s contributions to civil rights (the King Center, the Center for Civil and Human Rights, and the Carter Center, Library and Museum).

East Lake Golf Club has been the permanent home of the TOUR Championship since 2005. The tournament was first played at East Lake in 1998 and has been held at East Lake 16 times since then. The TOUR Championship is the culminating event of the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedEx Cup, with only the top 30 players on the points list qualifying each year. The 2016 TOUR Championship and FedEx Cup winner is Rory McIlroy. The club serves as the driving force behind the effort to revitalize the surrounding neighborhood. Profits from the club, as well as charitable donations from the club’s corporate membership, support the East Lake Foundation and its remarkable redevelopment project. The revived East Lake stands as a symbol of tradition and honor to those who know its history and were a part of its past. But, even more importantly, it stands as a symbol of hope to those who will live in its future. (www.eastlakegolfclub.com)

Established in 1968 by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (“The King Center”) has been a global destination, resource center and community institution for over a quarter century. Nearly a million people each year make pilgrimage to the National Historic Site to learn, be inspired and pay their respects to Dr. King’s legacy. (www.thekingcenter.org) At the King Center, participants received the rare opportunity arranged by Bernice King and the Consulate of Japan in Atlanta to hear legendary civil rights leaders give a presentation painting Dr. King as a man committed to great work for the benefit of all in their own words.
Located in Atlanta, Georgia, the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is part of the Presidential Library system administered by the National Archives and Records Administration, a Federal government agency. Participants enjoyed all that the Museum of the Jimmy Carter Library had to offer including photographs and historical memorabilia from the Carter presidency (1976 - 1981). An exact replica of the Oval Office and gifts received by the Carters are also featured. A permanent exhibit of significant events occurring during Jimmy Carter’s life and political career includes photographs with interpretative text. (www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov)

The Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today’s Global Human Rights Movements. Our purpose is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities. The Center was first imagined by civil rights legends Evelyn Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and was launched by former Mayor Shirley Franklin. The effort gained broad-based corporate and community support to become one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and the contemporary struggle for Human Rights around the world. (www.civilandhumanrights.org)

From the original World of Coca-Cola® that opened on August 3, 1990 at Underground Atlanta, to the opening of the World of Coca-Cola at Pemberton Place® on May 24, 2007, Atlanta is proud to have welcomed over 23 million guests in the past 25 years. Summit participants experienced the real stories behind the world’s most famous and most loved beverage brand. They were able to look around and see the Lobby which includes a Coca-Cola folk art bottle display and a “sneak peek” video featuring some highlights of the World of Coca-Cola experience. Other activities included visiting the vault where the legendary secret formula for Coca-Cola is secured and tasting 100+ beverages from around the world. People even met and took pictures with the Coca-Cola Polar Bear. (www.worldofcoca-cola.com)

Summit participants enjoyed an Underwater Escape in The Heart of Atlanta. Sea life drifts behind thousands of square feet of viewing windows while guests discover an inspiring variety of sea creatures. From tiny clownfish and Australian weedy sea dragons to giant Japanese spider crabs and awe-inspiring whale sharks, your guests will relish the diverse floating worlds within the ten million gallons of fresh and marine water. Georgia Aquarium delights with several animal interactives and encounters, and insider secrets learned on our behind the scenes tours. Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta across from Centennial Olympic Park, Georgia Aquarium is easily accessible from the interstate and within walking distance from the Georgia World Congress Center and downtown hotels. (www.georgiaaquarium.org/)
Summit participants enjoyed the CNN Studio Tours in Atlanta, a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the World Headquarters of CNN. Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, in close proximity to the Georgia World Congress Center and the city's prime attractions, CNN Studio Tours Events immerses your guests in the ultimate CNN experience. From inspiration to execution, our professional and courteous event staff can help you plan the perfect event. Give your guests a true taste of Atlanta when you choose from one of our many catering vendors. CNN Studio Tours Events offers access to Atlanta's most unique event spaces and the opportunity to experience news behind the scenes! (www.cnn.com/tour)
### OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME RECEPTION - OCTOBER 5, 2016 5:00pm

**THE FOX THEATRE - 660 PEACHTREE STREET NE, ATLANTA, GA 30308**

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The Japan-America Grassroots Summit Opening Ceremony was held at the Fox Theater. Speeches from Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, the Ambassador of Japan Kenichiro Sasae (with two other former Japanese Ambassadors, Ichiro Fujisaki and Masahiro Kohno, in attendance), Consul General Takashi Shinozuka, and other dignitaries followed a reception with music by the Atlanta Jazz Trio. Other speakers included Matthew Perry (the descendant of Commodore Matthew Perry), with Kyo Nakahama and Scott Whitfield (descendants of John Manjiro, and Captain Whitfield) who took part in the traditional passing of the ceremonial globe from Japan (where the Summit was held last year) to America. In addition to the speakers, High school participants from Uenogaoka High School gave both a welcome presentation and performed a traditional Japanese dance. The Opening Ceremony also introduced a taste of the south, with traditional southern cooking and an after-dinner gospel performance by Collective Voice.
LOCAL SESSIONS:

Alpharetta & Milton
Athens
Columbus
Dahlonega
Decatur
Dublin
Elberton
Fitzgerald
Gainesville
Macon
Marietta
Newnan
Peachtree City
Rome
1. Dublin, Fitzgerald (11+ 1 volunteer)

8:45-9:30 Load Dublin, Fitzgerald
9:30-12:05 Hotel to Dublin
12:05-12:25 Unload Dublin
12:25-1:50 Dublin to Fitzgerald
1:50-2:10 Unload Fitzgerald
2:10-3:55 Return to Hotel

2. Athens, Elberton (9+ 1 volunteer)

8:45-9:30 Load Athens, Elberton
9:30-10:45 Hotel to Athens
10:45-11:05 Unload Athens
11:05-12:00 Athens to Elberton
12:00-12:20 Unload Elberton
12:20-2:20 Return to Hotel

3. World of Coke, Decatur, Roswell, Alpharetta (38+ 1 volunteer)

9:00-10:00 Load Roswell, Alpharetta, Decatur to World of Coke
10:00-10:15 Unload Roswell and Alpharetta students
10:15-10:40 World of Coke to Decatur
10:40-11:00 Unload Decatur
11:00-11:30 Return to World of Coke
11:30-12:00 World of Coke to Elkins Pointe
12:00-12:20 Unload Roswell
12:20-12:35 Elkins Pointe to Milton HS (14 box lunches)
12:35-12:55 Unload Alpharetta
12:55-1:30 Return to Georgian Terrace
4. Peachtree City, Newnan, Columbus (16+ 1 volunteer)

9:20-9:50  Load Peachtree City, Newnan, Columbus
9:50-10:35  Hotel to Peachtree City
10:35-10:55  Unload Peachtree City
10:55-11:20  Peachtree City to Newnan
11:20-11:40  Unload Newnan
11:40-1:00  Newnan to Columbus
1:00-1:20  Unload Columbus
1:20-3:00  Return to Hotel

5. Gainesville, Dahlonega (27+ 1 volunteer)

9:45-10:30  Load Gainesville, Dahlonega
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12:00-12:30  Gainesville to Dahlonega
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6. Marietta, Rome (9+ 1 volunteer)

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11:30-11:40  Unload Marietta
11:40-12:45  Marietta to Rome
12:45-1:00  Unload Rome
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Bus Drop Off Locations:

Alpharetta/Milton: Milton High School (13025 Birmingham Hwy, Milton, GA 30004)

Athens: City Hall (301 College Ave, Athens, GA 30601)

Columbus: Columbus Museum (1251 Wynnton Rd, Columbus, GA 31906)

Dahlonega: University of North Georgia (82 College Cir, Dahlonega, GA 30597)

Decatur: Oakhurst Presbyterian Church (118 2nd Ave, Decatur, GA 30030)

Dublin: City Hall (100 S Church St, Dublin, GA 31021)

Elberton: City Municipal Building Complex (203 Elbert St, Elberton, GA 30635)

Fitzgerald: Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Chamber of Commerce (121 E Pine St, Fitzgerald, GA 31750)

Gainesville: Lanier Charter Career Academy (2723 Tumbling Creek Rd, Gainesville, GA 30504)

Macon: no bus needed - utilizing own bus

Marietta: Spillers Residence (2160 Andy Drive, Marietta, GA 30066)


Peachtree City: Peachtree City Convention and Visitors Center (201 McIntosh Trail, Peachtree City, GA 30269)

Rome/Floyd County: Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce (1 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161)

Roswell: Elkins Point MS (11290 Elkins Rd, Roswell, GA 30076)
After taking part in the Atlanta tours and the Opening Ceremony, volunteers accompanied participants the one of fifteen local sessions for their local slice-of-life adventures with a home stay. Host families from Alpharetta/Milton, Athens, Columbus, Dahlonega, Decatur, Peachtree City, Dublin, Rome/Floyd County, Elberton, Fitzgerald, Gainesville, Macon, Marietta, Newnan/Chattahoochee Hills, and Roswell took in all the participants and planned events in their areas.
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Reception  
Welcome reception.  
Meet Host siblings  
Tour of School  
Ice breaker activities. | **Thursday, Oct. 6**  
6:00p-8:00p  Reception at Columbus Museum |
| **10/7/2016 8:20:00**  
Observe Classes with Host sibling  
Guests attend host siblings' normal schedule periods 1-5. (8:20-12:30) | **Friday, Oct. 7**  
9:00a-9:45a  Springer Opera House  
10:00a-10:45a  RiverCenter and Organ Recital  
11:00a-11:45a  Port Columbus  
12:00p-1:30p  Lunch at Meritage  
1:45p-2:30p  Uptown Columbus Walking Tour  
2:45p-3:30p  Coca-Cola Space Science Center  
3:45p-4:15p  Whitewater/The Island/Zip Line, optional  
6:00p (TBD) Pool party at one of the host families |
| **10/7/2016 12:30:00 PM**  
Sites of North Fulton County  
Students will Visit some of the sites of our community including Northpointe Mall, The Old Mill Park-Waterfall, The historic Bullock Hall, Canton Street Shops and Smith Plantation | **Saturday, Oct. 8**  
Free day with Host Families |

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DeKalb Farmers Market tour  
Visit the pioneer in the fresh food distribution to the consumer, and walk through the hustle of shoppers at the DeKalb Farmers Market. See the many types of produce available; be amazed at the variety and size of the market. | **10/6/2016 2:00 PM**  
Welcome Ceremony  
Upon arrival visitors will visit Dublin City Hall for a meet and greet session and to see a short DVD on Dublin.  
**10/6/2016 2:00 PM**  
Visit local museums  
Visit local, private, wild game museum and also visit private train collection. |
| **10/7/2016 5:00:00 PM**  
Decatur Reception on the Bandstand  
City officials, host families, Japanese students at Agnes Scott and Emory to join in a welcome celebration for program participants on the community bandstand. Cocktails or wine to be served with light hors-d'oeuvres.  
**10/7/2016 19:30:00**  
Decatur High School football  
**10/7/2016 2:00 PM**  
Antebellum Home Visit  
Visit antebellum home. Possibly have a meal there with some entertainment.  
**10/7/2016 4:00 PM**  
Visit Horse Ranch | **10/7/2016 2:00 PM**  
Visit Horse Ranch  
Visitors will see many types of animals, ride horses, and have lunch at a local farm. |
| **10/8/2016 10:00:00 AM**  
Walking Tours - Decatur  
Program participants and host families can choose 1 of 8 different walking tours around Decatur. Tours range from 1 mile to 4 miles and offer participants scenic views, window shopping and refreshments with a little exercise along the way.  
**10/8/2016 4:00 PM**  
Country Bbq  
Have a country cooked BBQ, play games. Have entertainment and homemade ice cream. Visit with local interested parties, local government officials, and Ykk personnel. | **10/8/2015 3:00:00 PM**  
Emory's Michael C. Carlos Museum visit OR Agnes Scott College's Dalton Gallery visit  
**10/8/2016 4:00 PM**  
Country Bbq  
Have a country cooked BBQ, play games. Have entertainment and homemade ice cream. Visit with local interested parties, local government officials, and Ykk personnel. |
**Elberton**

Why visit Elberton, GA? Elberton has the distinction of being called the Granite Capital of the World because of its award-winning granite. Elberton produces more granite monuments than any other city in the world. Tourist come to Elberton for its unique attractions including granite monuments, historical homes and architecture, beautiful lakes, historical theatre and downtown square, and the 20,000 Granite Bowl sports arena. Several tourist attractions are a must while visiting Elberton.

While in Elberton participants will home stay in one of a variety of residential style homes from Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Folk Victorian, Colonial Revival, Bungalow to modern. Thursday we will kick-off the visit with a meet and greet welcome reception/dinner and feature a tour at our historical theatre with a presentation on the history of Elberton, GA.

On Friday, participants will visit the Granite Museum, a granite manufacturing plant and quarry, the Guidestones, Bicentennial Memorial and fountain, Industrial Park, local college and high school granite lab. Participants along with their host families will experience small town southern hospitality at its best with a homecoming parade, pep rally downtown and tailgating above the Granite Bowl. Participants will get to see the local high school football team, the Elbert County Blue Devils, in action at the Granite Bowl. The participants will end the night at a local restaurant downtown for dessert and drinks.

On Saturday, participants will visit the Nancy Hart Cabin, Richard B. Russell State Park Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course. Participants will enjoy lunch on the lake and then take part in a Pinpoint tour, which is a walking tour that highlights the historical character of buildings and homes located within walking distance to downtown. Participants will take a look at the newly rehabilitated historic Elbert Hotel, Arts Center and Rock Gym. In closing participants and host families will visit various historical homes for a progressive dinner and end with a farewell ceremony at a restaurant downtown.

**Marietta**

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<td>Learn about civil war history and get some exercise, see the scenery.</td>
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<td>Joyful Noise Band</td>
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<td>Visit a home school music club. See and hear the band, the orchestra, and the chorus practicing.</td>
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<td>High School Football Game</td>
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<td>Marietta Square Farmers' Market + Chalktoberfest</td>
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<td>See and taste locally grown fruits and vegetables. Interact with local farmers. View sidewalk artwork and chat with artists. Enjoy the square.</td>
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<td>Southern Cooking Restaurant</td>
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<td>Experience Southern cooking at a simple southern restaurant such as Louise's or JohnBoy's in Marietta.</td>
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<td>Saturday afternoon and evening activities will be left up to the host families and participants to decide.</td>
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<td>Attend church service with host family.</td>
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### Newnan / Chattahoochee Hills

**10/7/2016 8:30:00 AM**
Education in Peachtree City
Our Japanese guests will have the opportunity to visit an elementary, middle, and high school in Peachtree City. Each visit will include time with teachers, students, and administration staff. Following the school visits, the Social Studies Coordinator for the Fayette County Schools will meet with the guests to discuss where, and how, Japan fits into the Georgia curriculum. The day will conclude with a high school football game at one of the local high schools.

**10/7/2016 PM**
Visit to Serenbe and/or City of Newnan
( http://www.cityofnewnan.org/ )
tour area homes, shops and businesses.

**10/7/2016 19:30:00**
Outdoor Play - Serenbe Playhouse - Sleepy Hallow
Experience [www.serenbeplayhouse.com](http://www.serenbeplayhouse.com). Experience the Serenbe Outdoor Play "Sleepy Hallow". This play is a unique outdoor experience with music, singing and actors.

**10/8/2016 4:00:00 PM**
Cookout / BBQ meal at small farm
Enjoy a traditional "CookOut" with BBQ and grilled food at a small residential farm in Chattahoochee Hills, GA with your host family.
Visit and have your picture taken with our resident horse or alpaca.

**10/8/2015 10:00:00 AM**
Visit Cochran Mill Nature Center and Hike at Cochran Mill Park
Hiking - weather dependent

### Peachtree City

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### Roswell

**10/6/2016 3:00:00 PM**
Roswell tour
( Depends on what time their arrival on the 6th to Roswell)
1. Welcome event
2. Host family introduction

**10/7/2016 6:00:00**
Tour of Roswell
School visit (Elkins Pointe Middle School) in the morning
1. School tour
2. Classroom visits
3. Lunch with students

Tour of Roswell in the afternoon
1. Historical antebellum mansions
2. Smith House Plantation
3. Roswell City Hall
4. Walking/Shopping

**10/8/2016 8:00:00 AM**
Host family activities
On this day, Japanese visitors will spend their whole day with their host families. Activities vary.
Rome, GA

Japan American Society of Georgia
October 6 -8, 2016

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Pick up guests at designation not yet determined. They arrive in 1 bus

Berry College Japanese Photography
Gary Breton – 706-290-2661 – Dean of Mathematics and Natural Science

Lunch in the Alumni Dining Room – Ford Buildings at Berry College

Tour Berry College

Go to host families for dinner and spend the night

Friday, October 7, 2016

Host families bring guests to Chamber

Breakfast/lunch at Shorter University – Dawn Tolbert 706-233-7215

Tour Shorter University

Tour of Darlington – meet with Japanese students

Go to host families for dinner and spend the night

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Tour of Suzuki and Neaton

Dinner with all guests and host families at Coosa Country Club

Back to host families to spend the night

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Depart for Atlanta all in 1 bus
ATHENS

10/6/2016 5:00:00 PM
Welcome Reception
Welcome reception on The Hill

- Southern charm at its best with BBQ, cocktails, games.
- Meet the Mayor and other local officials

10/7/2016 9:00:00 AM
Participants can choose from a list of events throughout the day:

Morning-

- Museum Mile Tour- The Museum Mile Tour is a two-hour tour of Athens' four unique house museums. In each house, you will see a different era of Athens history, from the 1820 Church-Waddel-Brumby House, to the 1840s Taylor-Grady House, and the 1850s Ware-Lyndon and T.R.R. Cobb Houses. Tours depart from the Athens Welcome Center at 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Price: $20 per person Time: 10:30 a.m
- Guided tour of downtown with shopping, food, and history
- Visit Georgia State Botanical Gardens and tour with lunch at Donderos' Cafe

Afternoon-

- Athens Heritage Tour- The Athens Heritage Tour is a 90 minute guided tour of Athens that's offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:00 pm. Your tour will begin in the oldest house in Athens and on the tour you will see the world's only double barrel canon and the historic downtown district. Plus, you will see the area's only National Landmark property, The Taylor Grady House, and many sites on the University of Georgia campus. Price: $15 per person Time: 1 p.m.
- Visit the Nature Center and walk the Greenway
- Tour UGA- An informative and entertaining glance at the University of Georgia. Tour participants board the Visitors Center tour bus for a student-led 75-minute combination driving and walking tour of the campus. Knowledgeable tour leaders take you through the campus, providing their insights and wisdom in relating their college experiences.

Evening-

- Athens Brewery Tour- Athens Tours & Transit hosts an Athens Brewery Tour every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Meet at The Varsity. You'll visit Terrapin, Creature Comforts, and Copper Creek with the tour ending at 8:50 p.m. At that point you can choose to stay downtown or ride the shuttle back to the Varsity. Price: $35 Time: 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m
- Enjoy Downtown Athens music scene
Variety of Events
Participants can choose from a variety of events throughout the day:

All Day:
- 32nd Annual North Georgia Folk Festival- The day-long festival includes musicians, artists, storytellers, food, kid's activities and crafts demonstrations.

Morning:
- Georgia Museum of Art- The Georgia Museum of Art's modern and elegant facility houses a permanent collection of more than 10,000 works of art as well as 20 to 25 temporary exhibitions a year. The Jane and Harry Willson Sculpture Garden hosts rotating exhibitions of work by women sculptors. Admission is free.
- Bear Hollow Zoo and Memorial Park- Bear Hollow Zoo is a popular place for families to come and see Georgia’s native wildlife. Admission is free.
- Athens Farmer's Market- The Athens Farmers Market fosters a dynamic economic and educational connection between community members, farmers, and artisans by providing a marketplace for food grown locally using sustainable farming methods and for locally produced hand crafted goods and prepared foods. The market features vendors of crafts, produce and prepared foods.

Afternoon:
- Lyndon House Tour and Art Museum
- Tour local Manufacturing plant
- Evening:
- Possible theatrical show at Classic Center or Morton Theatre
- Enjoy downtown Athens music scene
- Visit Southern Brewing Company and tour brewery
Japan America Grassroots Summit
Home Stay – Dahlonega, Georgia Programming

Thursday, October 06, 2016

3:00-4:00pm
Japanese guests arrive to Dahlonega (exact time to be clarified closer to dates)

4:00-6:00pm
UNG Welcome Reception (UNG Library Technology Center Lobby)
Reception in partnership with the UNG College of Arts and Letters Japan Foundation

NOTE: Mandatory for all Host Families to attend

6:00pm
ACTIVITY: The host families are invited to attend the Japanese film series in the Library Technology Center, Potter Special Collections Room featuring “Wood Job” or they may depart with their respective guests for the evening

Friday, October 07, 2016

7:45-8:15am
Drop-off: Host Families to drop-off guests for daily activities Location: The Smith House (parking lot)

ACTIVITY
Koyo Bearings WEBSITE

8:15am
Depart for Koyo Bearings
615 Torrington Drive Dahlonega, GA 30533, USA

8:30-9:15am
Continental Breakfast sponsored by Koyo Bearings

9:30am
Koyo Bearings Tour

11:00am
Depart from Koyo Bearings

11:15-12:00pm
Arrive and Backstage Tour of the Holly Theater WEBSITE

LUNCH 12:15pm
The Smith House WEBSITE

ACTIVITY 1:45-3:00pm
NOTE: City Officials and Chamber of Commerce Greetings

Shopping on The Square – Downtown Dahlonega WEBSITE

The Gold Museum & Consolidated Gold Mining WEBSITE (Gold Museum) WEBSITE (Consolidated, Gold Mining)

ACTIVITY 3:00-5pm
Cost: The Gold Museum $6 per/guest & Consolidated Gold Mining there are many options: Underground Tour and Gold Panning $11; add Gem Mining and you can do all three for $15

NOTE: This activity has some physical requirements that include steep inclines, stairs, ramps and wet/damp areas. Please wear comfortable shoes. This activity is at guests own cost.

5:15-5:30pm
Pickup: Host Families to pick up guests for the evening
Location: The Smith House (parking lot)
### Saturday, October 08, 2016

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<td>North Georgia Premium Outlet Mall  <a href="#">WEBSITE</a></td>
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<td>Tours of Wolf Mountain Winery &amp; Frogtown Cellars   <a href="#">WEBSITE</a> (Wolf Mountain Winery)   <a href="#">WEBSITE</a> (Frogtown Cellars)</td>
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<td><strong>HOST FAMILY ACTIVITY</strong> Potluck Party Farewell</td>
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**NOTE:** Breakfast to be eaten prior to arrival with Host Families.

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<td>Arrival to Closing Ceremony in Atlanta</td>
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WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2016

3:00 pm  Hotel Check-In
           Comfort Suites
           120 Plantation Inn Drive  |  Macon, GA, 31210  |  Phone: (478) 314-5130  |  Fax: (478) 314-5141
           https://www.choicehotels.com/georgia/macon/comfort-suites-hotels/oa624
           Group Rate: $79 per night

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Pre-Conference Walk-Through & Finalization MGA & MBC (Charles Coney & Alisha Duhart)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  DINNER (Optional for those who are arriving on Wednesday)
                   Location to be determined

THURSDAY, October 6, 2016

YOUTH ADVISOR SYMPOSIUM

7:00 am - 8:00 am  Host Arrival & Final Setup MBC (Charles Coney & Alisha Duhart)

8:00 am - 8:30 am  Attendee Arrival

8:30 am - 8:55 am  Continental Breakfast & Networking

9:00 am - 9:15 am  Welcome & Introductions
                   Janice Eidson, Georgia Municipal Association Director, Conferences & Management Services
                   Dr. Melinda Robinson Moffett, Middle Georgia State University Director of Career Services
                   Charles L. Coney, Macon-Bibb County Assistant County Manager

9:15 am - 10:00 am  “Is It Good for the Children?”
                   City of Rock Hill, South Carolina Commission for Children & Youth
                   Pati Panetti, Staff Liaison

In 2007, Rock Hill City Council adopted the “#1 Question: Is It Good for the Children” campaign, with a goal to further strengthen Rock Hill as a livable city that recognizes the importance of all children and youth in our community. The Rock Hill Youth Council provides high school students an active role in addressing youth related issues. The group coordinates an annual Youth Service Day and administers youth grants. The Youth Council is an advisory group to the Commission for Children and Youth and is comprised of high school students, including public, private and home schooled students.

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**Developing Youth Leadership Programs**

**Perry Hilt, Director of Community Development**

Georgia Municipal Association

The Georgia Municipal Association is pleased to provide City Government 101: Developing Youth Leadership Programs. This discussion provides information on youth programs that increase public knowledge and awareness about municipal government. The youth programs provide an opportunity for municipal leaders to have a direct exchange with the youth in their communities. These programs provide a valuable opportunity for young people to use their energy to improve the community in which they live while learning how to plan for the future under the guidance of experienced professionals.

www.gmanet.com

**Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students**

**Kathleen Bowen, External Relations Director**

Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students (GCAPS) was developed by ACCG staff and county officials to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among Georgia’s youth. The objective is simple: educate young citizens about the importance of being actively involved in their local government environment and the opportunities available in the public sector. GCAPS provides civic education by exposing high school students to the role that local government plays and by introducing them to the leaders who make local governments work. Youth are offered the opportunity to gain knowledge about their local governments through hands-on learning activities and experience the decision making process first-hand.

https://www.accg.org/caf_grap.php

**Where Youth and Government Meet: Creating an Intersection with Authentic Youth Civic Engagement?**

**Laura Furr, Program Manager**

National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families

There is a place in nearly every community where the positive passions of young people intersect with the work of local government. From organizing literacy campaigns to seeking solutions to neighborhood violence to mapping safe routes to school or crafting a recycling ordinance, youth are lending their advice, support and energy to cities across the country. And cities are seeing the results. In some areas of the country, the place where youth and government meet in productive and meaningful ways has not yet been discovered. Although local governments have tried to involve young people in positive activities, leaders in these cities have not made the shift from seeing youth as simply recipients of city services rather than recognizing them as valuable resources. They haven’t implemented strategies that can augment their commitment to the youth of their city to produce positive results. They have yet to adopt a framework for Authentic Youth Civic Engagement, or AYCE.


**Connecting Youth and Strengthening Communities**

**Cariss Bates, Citizen Engagement Coordinator**

City of Savannah Public Information Office

It is the mission of the Savannah Youth Council (SYC) to provide local youth with the experience of working with city government while obtaining a sense of civic responsibility as well as the opportunity to develop and demonstrate leadership skills. This session examines the relationship between civic engagement and economic opportunity in the United States, in particular how having a youth leadership can build social capital, promote upward mobility, and contribute to a range of positive outcomes that benefit both the individuals and the community. A compelling case is made to consider youth led community service projects for strengthening the community and helping young Americans gain the skills and experience they need to be successful.

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<td>Rapid Fire: Youth Leadership</td>
<td>Michael McCoy, Dougherty County Assistant County Administrator</td>
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<td>Varessa Butts, City of Sugar Hill Marketing &amp; Communications Coordinator</td>
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<td>Denise Brinson, City of Suwanee Assistant City Manager</td>
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<td>Using the “Rapid Fire” oral presentation method, presenters get 5 minutes to present 20 slides summarizing their local Youth Leadership Program. These Youth Leadership groups have explored social issues and problems, designed and carried out service initiatives, and celebrated their accomplishments.</td>
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<td>Wrap-Up &amp; Closing</td>
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# Youth Leadership Summit

**Macon-Bibb County**

**Third Annual Youth Leadership Summit**

Middle Georgia State University | 100 University Parkway | Macon, GA 31206

Student Life Center Lobby

**AGENDA**

(Revised August 1, 2016)

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**THURSDAY, October 6, 2016**

| **2:00 pm - 3:00 pm** | Hotel Check-In  
Comfort Suites  
120 Plantation Inn Drive | Macon, GA, 31210  
Phone: (478) 314-5130 Fax: (478) 314-5141  
Group Rate: $79 per night |
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| **3:00 pm - 4:00 pm** | Registration  
Student Life Center Lobby |
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| **3:15 pm - 4:00 pm** | Kick-Off Dinner with Macon-Bibb County Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert  
Youth Leader Bingo & Conference Polling  

Welcome & Introductions  
Charles L. Coney, Macon-Bibb County Assistant County Manager  
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| **5:00 pm - 5:30 pm** | “What Does It Mean to Be a Youth Leader?”  
Kamali Varner, City of McDonough Councilmember |
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Kamali Varner Councilmember  
Kamali (Kam) Varner was born and raised in the City of McDonough and is on her second term as a member of the McDonough City Council. Councilwoman Varner is an extremely hard worker, who tirelessly and without question puts the needs of the community first. As a homegrown City of McDonough graduate of Henry County High School, and a lifelong member of Shiloh Baptist Church of McDonough, she served in her first leadership role as president of her Youth ministry under the esteem leadership of Rev. Dr. Edward Lee. In 2012 and 2013 Councilwoman Varner was recognized by the Georgia Municipal Association for her leadership ability and in 2015 she earned the coveted ranks of Robert E. Know Jr. Leadership graduate. Councilwoman Varner holds a degree in Organizational Leadership and has served as Henry County Middle School’s 2014-15 PTO President, as well as being a member of the McDonough Main Street Program. The McDonough Youth Advisory Council which is the first and only municipal advisory council in Henry County was founded by Councilwoman Varner in an effort to engage and harness the visionary talents of young people preparing them for their leadership roles. |

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<td>**Georgia National Fairgrounds &amp; Agricenter</td>
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<td>The annual, official state-sponsored Georgia National Fair is a family event that is “Famous For Fun!”</td>
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<td>One of the newest features of the Fair is the Georgia Grown Building. This is a joint project of the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia Department of Agriculture.</td>
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<td>During the eleven days of the Fair, the building features space dedicated solely to Georgia Grown products, manufacturers, and agricultural businesses. Rental and sponsorship fees will aid in benefiting Agricultural Youth Scholarships. The Georgia National Fair has promoted the state’s heritage, people, and agriculture since the first Fair in 1990. The Fair offers a safe and clean, family-oriented environment. The Fair is well-known for its comprehensive youth and home and fine arts competitions and exhibits. The Georgia National Schoolhouse attracts pre-K through high school students from throughout the state to tour the educational and livestock displays. The Georgia National Fair appeals to everyone with its livestock and horse shows, competitive exhibits, food, midway rides and games, commercial vendors, major concerts, street entertainers, family entertainment, circus, and nightly fireworks.</td>
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<td>The Georgia National Fair has been designated a “Top 50 Fair” by Amusement Business magazine and Matt’s Carnival Warehouse. The Georgia National Fair has won 108 awards from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions for its livestock and horse events, competitive exhibits, and communications programs. The Fair has been designated a Southeast Tourism Society “Top 20 Event for October” 16 times. The Fair has received one “Special Events Directory and Events Business News Top 200 Event” award (1997). The Fair was designated one of Southern Living magazine’s “Our Best 202 Things About the South First-Prize Fair” (2002).</td>
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https://www.choicehotels.com/georgia/macon/comfort-suites-hotels/oa624  
Group Rate: $79 per night |
| 8:15 am - 8:45 am | Breakfast  
Middle Georgia State University Education Building Lobby |
| 8:45 am - 8:55 am | Checkpoint  
Charles L. Coney, Macon-Bibb County Assistant County Manager |
| 8:55 am - 9:10 am | “Leadership Fishbowl Activity: FREEZE”  
Facilitated by ??? |
| 8:55 am - 9:10 am | Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Charles L. Coney, Macon-Bibb County Assistant County Manager |
Cory Booker, United States Senator |

Cory Booker was raised in Harrington Park, living his life as a proud New Jerseyan. After graduating from Northern Valley Regional High School, Booker received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University where he played on the varsity football team. While at Stanford, he also was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and went on to study at the University of Oxford where he received an honors degree in History. Booker then completed his education at Yale Law School, receiving his J.D. in 1997. After law school, Booker moved to Newark – where he still lives to this day – and started a nonprofit organization to provide legal services for low-income families and help tenants take on slumlords, improve living conditions, and stay in their homes. At the age of twenty-nine, Booker was elected to the Newark City Council from the city’s Central Ward. In the seventeen years since, Booker has worked tirelessly at the local and national levels to improve the lives of New Jerseys and Americans. Starting in 2006, Booker proudly served as Newark’s mayor for more than seven years. During his tenure, the city entered its largest period of economic growth since the 1960s. In addition, overall crime declined and the quality of life for residents improved due to initiatives such as more affordable housing, new green spaces and parks, increased educational opportunities, and more efficient city services. On October 16th, 2013, Booker won a special election to represent New Jersey in the United States Senate. On November 4th, 2014, Senator Booker was re-elected to a full six year term. As New Jersey’s junior Senator, Cory Booker has brought an innovative and bipartisan approach to tackling some of the most difficult problems facing New Jersey and our country. In partnership with former Mayor Cory Booker, the Newark Mentoring Movement (NMM) was officially launched in July of 2012. NMM strives to embed mentoring into the culture of the City of Newark. NMM plans to match 10,000 youth in healthy mentoring relationships by 2017 with the help of strong leaders in the city. Since the
At the organization’s inception, NMM has held multiple mentor recruitment efforts at local colleges/universities, built advisory relationships with 17 local mentoring programs, and has developed various strategies to engage local corporations to adopt corporate mentoring models. Lastly, NMM has begun the initial recruitment stages of high-quality national mentoring providers that are not presently engaged in Newark. The Mayor’s leadership during his tenure helped set the stage for NMM to transform the community through effective mentoring relationships.

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<td>Dr. Melinda Robinson-Moffett serves Middle Georgia State University as Director of Career Services. She is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of career education and employment assistance programs for students and alumni. She comes to Middle Georgia State from Mercer University, where she was Assistant Director of Career Services. Robinson-Moffett, lives in Lizella and holds a Ph.D. in Education Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education from Mercer.</td>
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<td>Coca-Cola has pledged $1 million to Operation HOPE to support efforts to provide financial education to women and girls living in the southeastern United States. The number of women-owned businesses grew by 74 percent between 1997 and 2015—a rate that’s 1.5 times the national average, according to the “2015 State of Women-Owned Businesses Report” commissioned by American Express Open. Women now own 30 percent of all businesses in the United States, accounting for some 9.4 million firms. And African American women control 14 percent of these companies, or an estimated 1.3 million businesses. The emergence of women entrepreneurs is a good thing. According to Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, research indicates that women bring particular sets of skills that not only set them apart from their male counterparts, but also lend themselves to being successful entrepreneurs, and an increase in the number of women in business leadership positions is correlated with increased business returns and payout ratios. Yet, despite the women entrepreneurial increase, women today remain inadequately represented as entrepreneurs. Too often, women and youth run into barriers including insufficient information about their capabilities, needs, and aspirations; low levels of education and skills; limited access to financial services; social and cultural norms; misguided public policies; and inadequate physical infrastructure. Operation HOPE is dedicated to breaking down some of these barriers and Coca-Cola is hoping to help. “The shift in women’s economic roles is good both socially and for our economy. As more and more women are embracing entrepreneurship, it is critical they are supported and given the education and tools needed to succeed in their ambitions,” said Lisa Borders, Chair, The Coca-Cola Foundation and Vice President, Global Community Affairs, and Operation HOPE Board Member. “While Operation HOPE supports women establishing and growing small businesses, importantly, it also targets girls, equipping them early in life with an entrepreneur mindset to handle the challenges they’ll face in today’s global economy.”</td>
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**My Brother’s Keeper Expose (Male Leader Break out)**

*Faculty Conference Room*

**Art Powell**, Life Skills Coach & Author

Art has first-hand knowledge of youth gang violence. He became exposed to the criminal elements of the streets at the early age of 13. By age 15, he was involved with neighborhood cliques, which later became recognized as “gangs”. When Arthur (street name “Art”) was 19 he met a drug dealer who took him under his wing and gave him power to terrorize anyone who was against their family (gang), which was called “I Refuse Posse”. From the years of 1988-1992, I Refuse Posse reigned terror on the streets of Atlanta. Art was a major contributor to much of the gang violence that took place in Atlanta. In 1993, his criminal activity finally sent him to prison for 11 years and 6 months. Art is now a Life Skills Coach/Author and has started his own companies: Art Powell Life Coach, LLC; EGRESS Consultants & Services, LLC, and EGRESS Media & Publishing, LLC. Art wants to offer our youth a path out of the lifestyle of gangs and criminal activities and also educate adults through his autobiography *Traumatic Memoirs – Gangsta To Be or Not To Be*.  
www.artpowelllifescilcoah.blogspot.com

**My Brother’s Keeper - A White House Initiative**

President Obama launched the My Brother’s Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. Through this initiative, the Administration is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations who are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class.

**My Brother’s Keeper is focused on six milestones:**

- **Getting a Healthy Start and Entering School Ready to Learn:** All children should have a healthy start and enter school ready – cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally.
- **Reading at Grade Level by Third Grade:** All children should be reading at grade level by age 8 – the age at which reading to learn becomes essential.
- **Graduating from High School Ready for College and Career:** All youth should receive a quality high school education and graduate with the skills and tools needed to advance to postsecondary education or training.
- **Completing Postsecondary Education or Training:** Every American should have the option to attend postsecondary education and receive the education and training needed for the quality jobs of today and tomorrow.
- **Successfully Entering the Workforce:** Anyone who wants a job should be able to get a job that allows them to support themselves and their families.
- **Keeping Kids on Track and Giving Them Second Chances:** All youth and young adults should be safe from violent crime; and individuals who are confined should receive the education, training, and treatment they need for a second chance.

www.whitehouse.gov/my-brothers-keeper

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**2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Wrap-Up & Closing**

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**CLOSED HOTEL – ATLANTA EVERGREEN MARIOTT CONFERENCE RESORT**

4021 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083 | 770-879-9900
CHECK-IN: OCTOBER 9, 2016 | CHECK-OUT: OCTOBER 10, 2016
On Sunday, host families brought all the Japanese Participants to Stone Mountain for some time at the park before coming to the Closing Ceremony on the lawn in front of the sculpture. Stone Mountain Park is Georgia’s most popular attraction and features a wide variety of family activities. Located on 3,200 acres of natural beauty, adventure awaits as you discover interactive family friendly attractions and many natural and historical sights. Stone Mountain is open year-round, but attraction hours vary by season. Check our hours of operations and events calendar for schedules on the date(s) of your visit. Buy annual attraction passes online and be sure to check out our special offers and vacation packages. (www.stonemountainpark.com)

The Closing Ceremony featured even more southern food, 129&Counting (a barbershop quartet) and The Bluegrass Sound Band. Consul General Takashi Shinozuka gave closing remarks, local session representatives were recognized in an award ceremony, and performances of Katsurao and Kawauchi Junior High School gave Kendo and Chorus presentations framed by the energetic Robert Johnson and Nozomi Morgan as emcees. The hosts of the next two annual grassroots Summits were on hand to welcome everyone: Dale Watanabe of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington welcomed folks and introduced Seattle, Washington as the 2018 Grassroots Summit location and Abbot Emeritus of the Todai-ji temple along with Kanji Kitamura of the Nara Japan-America Society and other Nara government staff gave a warm welcome and introduction of next year’s Grassroots Summit to be held in Nara, Japan!

After saying goodbye to their new host family friends, Japanese participants stayed at the Atlanta Evergreen Marriot Conference Resort on the grounds at Stone Mountain before meeting volunteers again the next morning to help them back to the airport.
# 2016 Japan-America Grassroots Summit in Greater Atlanta
## Departure - October 10, 2016

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- Robert Johnson (Chairman, Executive Committee)
- Kiyoko Kojima (Co-Chair, Organizing Committee)
- James Hoadley (Co-Chair, Organizing Committee)
- Phillip Hodge (Co-Treasurer & Co-Chair Fundraising Committee)
- Yoshi Domoto (Co-Treasurer & Co-Chair Fundraising Committee)
- Stephen Haverfield (Secretary, Co-Chairs of Volunteers Committee & ATL Programs Committee)
- Vanessa Ibara (Chair & ATL Programs Committee)
- Jessica Cork (Chair, Local Community Committee)
- Maki Murashashi (Co-Chair Volunteers Committee)
- Haruna Tatsukawa
- Joseph Huntemann (Chair Marketing & Promotions Committee)

## Local Community Committee
- Chair: Jessica Cork
  - Stephen Haverfield
  - Kiyoko Kojima
  - Drew Fraser

## Volunteers Committee
- Co-Chair: Maki Murashashi
- Co-Chair: Stephen Haverfield
- Haruna Tatsukawa
- Miki Lendon

## Marketing & PR Committee
- Chair: Joseph Huntemann
- Vanessa Ibara
- Beth Matthews
- Stephen Haverfield

## Media Contacts/Liaison
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- Miki Lendon
- Miyuki Morooka
- Keichi Saito
- Alyana Matthews

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- Mai Kawahara
- Anne Godsey
- Daniel Houston
- Karen Loch
- Makiko Abe

## Training
- Noomi Morgan
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## On-Call Services/Scheduling
- Haruna Tatsukawa
- Motoe Haller

## Artwork/Graphic Design
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- Jordan Michels
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## Web and Social Media
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- Stephen Haverfield

## Opening Ceremony
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- Kazu Shinizu
- Tom Yamamoto
- Chris Kerr

## Atlanta Programs Committee
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- Vanessa Ibara
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- Alyana Matthews
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- Yoshi Domoto

## Executive Committee
- CG Tatashi Shinozuka (Hon.)
- Mayor Kasim Reed (Hon.)
- Gov. Nathan Deal (Hon.)
- Robert Johnson (Chairman)
- William Strang (Vice-Chairman)
- Robert Marsh
- Day Lancaster
- Charles Ganz
- Alex Gregory
- Ben Greer
- John Hackett

## Fundraising Committee
- Co-Chair: Phillip Hodge
- Co-Chair: Yoshi Domoto
- Kiyoko Kojima
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## Sponsorship
- Robert Banta
- Charles Stallworth
- Bucky Dykes
- Mike Schmidt
- Mie Igarashi
- Jim Masui
- Sean Gordon
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## Grants
- Yoshi Domoto
- Stephen Haverfield

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Volunteers & Volunteer Shifts

Tuesday, October 4th

**Airport Greeter 3:00pm-8:00pm**
Please meet Yoshi Domoto and Stephen Haverfield in the arrival section of the INTERNATIONAL terminal. Yoshi will have welcome signs, lists of participants arriving, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will welcome the participants and help them with luggage to the bus. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit). Shift ends when participants have loaded bus (should be much earlier than 8:00pm).
DL 296 (Direct from Narita): 15:25 ARRIVAL (36 people)

**Airport Logistics 2:45pm-8:00pm**
Please meet Miki Lendon in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive lists of participants arriving and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will take a bus (leaving to the international terminal and meet the participants at the bus, help load luggage, check off all participants as they load the bus, and help them with luggage at the hotel. Shift ends with participants checking in at concierge (should be much earlier than 8:00pm). Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).
DL 296 (Direct from Narita): 15:25 ARRIVAL (36 people)

**Airport Greeter 7:30pm-11:00pm**
Please meet Yoshi Domoto and Stephen Haverfield in the arrival section of the DOMESTIC terminal. Yoshi will have welcome signs, lists of participants arriving (including designated bus), and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will welcome the participants and help them with luggage to their designated bus. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit). Shift ends when participants have loaded both buses (should be much earlier than 11:00pm).
DL 1997 (from Minneapolis): 20:10 ARRIVAL (59 people)
DL 2819 (from Seattle): 20:05 ARRIVAL (30 people)

**Airport Logistics 6:45pm-11:00pm**
Please meet Miki Lendon in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive lists of participants arriving and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will take the bus to the domestic terminal and meet the participants at the bus, help load luggage, check off all participants as they load their designated bus, and help them with luggage at the hotel. Shift ends with participants checking in at concierge (should be much earlier than 11:00pm). Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).
DL 1997 (from Minneapolis): 21:10 ARRIVAL (59 people)
DL 2819 (from Seattle): 20:05 ARRIVAL (30 people)
Hotel Concierge 4:00pm-11:00pm
Please meet Maki Murahashi and Haruna Tatsukawa in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants arriving with room numbers, local restaurant guide, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants register for rooms, give out welcome kits and t-shirts, and help participants with questions and directions to local restaurants. Volunteers will pass out a boxed dinner for participants arriving after 8:00pm. If enough volunteers are present we may have volunteers accompany groups to local restaurants to help with directions and menu items. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).

On-call Bilingual Help 11:00pm-7:00am
Please make sure the phone number you signed in with is the phone number you want to have people contact you. We will inform participants that this is an emergency service.

Wednesday October 5th

Hotel Concierge (7:00 AM-10:00 AM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants with room numbers, local restaurant guide, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants with schedule information, and any questions they may have regarding the summit, it’s schedule, etc. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).

Atlanta Tour-Atlanta Attractions (8:30 AM-4:30 PM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield and Miki Lendon in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive volunteer handbooks (including itinerary and map for the tour), lists of participants on your tour, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants board bus, ensure all participants meet at designated times and places for the next part of the tour, and help all participants board the return bus to the hotel. Please KEEP PARKING AND LUNCH RECEIPTS (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).

Atlanta Tour-History & Civil Rights 1 (8:15 AM-4:15 PM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield and Haruna Tatsukawa in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive volunteer handbooks (including itinerary and map for the tour), lists of participants on your tour, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants board bus, ensure all participants meet at designated times and places for the next part of the tour, and help all participants board the return bus to the hotel. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).

Atlanta Tour-History & Civil Rights 2 (8:30 AM-4:30 PM):
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Opening Ceremony Logistics (3:30 PM-9:30 PM):
Please park either at the Fox Theater (660 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308) or the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). Meet Stephen Haverfield in the Georgian Terrace Hotel. You will receive volunteer handbooks (including itinerary/run of show for the Opening Ceremony), lists of invitees, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help set up any remaining signage, escort participants across the street (with police assistance), register participants, hand out drink-tickets, and help participants to their seats. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).

Hotel Concierge (9:00 PM-11:00 PM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield in the lobby of the Georgian Terrace Hotel (659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308). You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants with room numbers, local restaurant guide, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants with schedule information, and any questions they may have regarding the summit, it’s schedule, etc. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit).
On-call Bilingual Help (11:00 PM-7:00 AM):
Please make sure the phone number you signed in with is the phone number you want to have people contact you at. We will inform participants that this is an emergency service.

Thursday, October 6
Please meet at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, 659 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308, at least 20 minutes before bus departure, pick up volunteer information, bus register (names and locations of passengers), local session Volunteer contact information, and T-shirt. Volunteers will help the passengers to each local session board their bus or van, and ensure the correct passengers get off at the correct drop off areas, meet the local session contact person, and continue to all drop off locations. Afterward, the bus or van will return the volunteer to the hotel (you may want to bring a book as the return trip will not have any other passengers). SAVE ANY RECEIPTS FOR PARKING at the Hotel (Volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit)

1. Dublin, Fitzgerald (11+ 1-2 volunteers)
8:45-3:55 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

2. Athens, Elberton (9+ 1-2 volunteers)
8:45-2:20 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

3. World of Coke, Decatur, Roswell, Alpharetta (38+ 1-2 Volunteers)
9:00-1:30 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

4. Peachtree City, Newnan, Columbus (16+ 1-2 volunteers)
9:20-3:00 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

5. Gainesville, Dahlonega (27+ 1-2 volunteers)
9:45-2:05 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

6. Marietta, Rome (9+ 1-2 volunteers)
10:15-2:20 See Local Bus Schedules and Drop off addresses above

Friday, October 7th-Saturday, October 8th
Local Sessions: Volunteers will be contacted separately

Sunday, October 9th
Hotel Concierge (10:00 AM-1:30 PM):
Please meet Maki Murahashi in the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort (4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083) inside Stone Mountain park. When entering Stone Mountain Park, please tell the gate staff you are with the Japan-America Grassroots Summit. You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants arriving with room numbers, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants register for rooms and help participants with questions.

Closing Ceremony Logistics (12:30 PM-6:30 PM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield and Yoshi Domoto inside Stone Mountain park at the entrance to the Crossroads Lower Lawn. When entering Stone Mountain Park, please tell the gate staff you are with the Japan-America Grassroots Summit, drive down Jefferson Davis Drive until you reach Robert E. Lee Blvd. Take a right onto Robert E. Lee Blvd and park on your left in the Crossroads Lot. Stephen and Yoshi will be past the ticket booth with welcome signs. You will receive volunteer handbooks (including itinerary/run of show for the Closing Ceremony), lists of invitees, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help set up any remaining signage, escort participants into the lawn area, register participants, and help participants to their seats.

Hotel Concierge (5:30 PM-11:00 PM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield in the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort (4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083) inside Stone Mountain park. When entering Stone Mountain Park, please tell the gate staff you are with the Japan-America Grassroots Summit. You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants arriving with room numbers, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants register for rooms and help participants with questions.
On-Call Bilingual Help (11:00 PM-5:30 AM):
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Monday, October 10th

Hotel Concierge (5:00 AM-11:30 AM):
Please meet Stephen Haverfield in the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort (4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083) inside Stone Mountain park. When entering Stone Mountain Park, please tell the gate staff you are with the Japan-America Grassroots Summit. You will receive volunteer handbooks, lists of participants departing with bus schedule, and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will help participants with questions and boarding designated buses.

Airport Farewell (6:00 AM-11:30 AM):
Please meet Yoshi Domoto in the DEPARTURE section of the DOMESTIC terminal. Yoshi will have Grassroots Summit sign, lists of participants departing (including designated bus), and volunteer t-shirts. Volunteers will welcome the participants and help them with luggage and boarding passes. Please KEEP PARKING RECEIPT (volunteers will be reimbursed at the end of the Summit). Shift ends when participants have cleared security (should be much earlier than 11:30pm).

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Emergency Contact Information
- On-Call Bilingual Help (from 11:00 pm-5:00 am), please contact Grassroots Summit Volunteer or Concierge desk (770-608-4492) during Summit hours
- Please use this only for non-medical emergencies
- **For medical emergencies that require immediate attention**: each participant has travel insurance that includes an “800” number where a professional bilingual aid will help the participant with hospital / doctor locations and translation help with the physicians. In a situation in which the participant doesn’t have the time or is unable to use this information, seek appropriate medical attention immediately.

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**Volunteers**

- JASG
- School Club (FaceBook)
- Ill Career
- Japan Currents/Consulate
- Global Atlanta
- Word of Mouth
- Website
- JapanFest
Hosting Tips

Remember that your Japanese guest would like to stay with a host family to learn about our wonderful and diverse culture. You need not worry about recreating their country’s environment! The visitor is here to learn about American family life and culture. Plan to include him/her in your daily life – grocery shopping, church, meetings, etc.

Communication

Communication is very important to a successful hosting experience for both your guest and your family!

a) Expression

When you first meet your guest, greet him/her with a big smile and a warm Atlanta welcome! They may be shy and exhausted after a long flight. Host families may find that their Japanese guest does not express any emotions or feelings verbally or physically. This may be partially due to the different communication styles for expressing feelings in the two cultures. In Japan, to express one’s feelings is not encouraged by society. In fact, it is considered mature and polite not to show your feelings. Host families should expect some reserve on the part of the Japanese guests.

b) Being clear

When you introduce your family, clarify what the guest should call each person. Adults in Japan do not use first names unless they are very close. However, they may expect our more casual American forms of address. Several host cities plan to have written time schedules for hosts and guests. Whether your local team does this or not, try to make sure that both your family and your guests know what the day’s schedule will be, to avoid confusion. Japanese try hard to be punctual.

c) Body language, personal space, gestures

i. Be aware that most Japanese are not used to physical contact. No bear hugs or cheek/air kisses, at least initially. An American handshake is best. Expect that the responding handshake may be limp and the guest may bow at the same time.

ii. They may or may not make eye contact. A lowered gaze, especially from a younger person to an elder, is considered respectful.

iii. Not very many Japanese gestures are confusing, but there are some. For example, the Japanese beckon with a waving motion with the palm down and the hand flapping up and down at the wrist. Westerners may confuse this with a wave and not realize they are being beckoned. Although this gesture (temanekki) is used by both men and women and all age groups, it is considered impolite to beckon a superior this way.

You may know that older Japanese ladies cover their mouths when they laugh. It is considered to be modest for women not to show their teeth.

Finger counting is different. In Japan, counting for oneself begins with the palm of one hand open. Like in Eastern Europe, the thumb represents number 1; the little finger is number 5. Digits are folded inwards while counting. A closed palm indicates number 5. Americans’ number 2 is number 3 for Japanese!

Language

Take time to talk with your guest. Don’t worry about language barriers!

Most guests speak some English; some will speak it very well. Almost all will bring an electronic translator or a dictionary for occasional help. You may also want to keep a dictionary handy.
Useful phrases (See separate handouts)

Times and numbers (See separate handouts)

Confusing expressions (See separate handouts)

Speak slowly and clearly, but not louder. Use simple, short sentences and avoid slang or idioms. Be ready to repeat words or sentences, or to rephrase an idea using alternate words.

You can communicate by gestures, written words, and spoken language. Their reading and writing skills in English will probably be better than their listening comprehension or conversation skills. Nonverbal language and a friendly face go a long way.

Unfortunately, a heavy Southern accent is harder for Japanese people to understand since it’s different from what they learn at school. Don’t be discouraged, though.

Japanese people dislike direct verbal confrontation with others. To come out and say “no” seems confrontational and rude. On the other hand, if your guest says “yes” too often, chances are there has been little understanding. The Japanese say “yes” very often in their conversations. It doesn’t necessarily mean that they are agreeing with you. It simply means that they are paying attention to what you are saying.

An example of saying “yes” too much:

Several years ago, a group of Japanese college-age students were on a language-study trip of several months here in Atlanta. One young man had a car, and one day, while driving the group around, had a minor collision with another vehicle. Police were called by the other driver. The officer proceeded to ask all sorts of questions about the accident, to which the young Japanese driver -- not really comprehending -- only replied “yes”, “yes”, “yes”, “yes” -- seeming to agree that he was at fault. The officer ended up taking the group to the police station, where, fortunately, they telephoned their Japanese-American professor, who was able to come and explain the situation to the police. It got straightened out, but only after the group of young people had a very difficult, nerve-wracking experience.

Household

a) General tour of the house
   Give your guest a “house tour” upon arrival in your home. Include sleeping arrangements, where to hang and put away clothes, instructions for dirty laundry, where the light switches are, etc.

b) Household items/appliances
   Explain how things work in your home. If you have a fancy guest bed with lots of decorative pillows, please show the guest where to put them when ready for sleep. Show your guest how to use the shower. Bathing in Japan is quite different from what we are used to. Make sure your guest understands that the shower curtain must be inside the tub and that water should not be thrown on the bathroom floor. Also inform him/her if there is a limited hot water supply. Show them their towels and washcloths. Introduce your household appliances (such as the TV, microwave, hot water dispensers, etc.), explaining or demonstrating how they work and any safety precautions.

An example of why it is a good idea to show guests how appliances work:
An 11-year old Japanese girl was visiting a Japan-America Society member in Atlanta. One day, she went over to the kitchen sink to wash her hands. Instead of using the regular faucet, she pulled on the instant boiling water dispenser! The poor girl had burned fingers, and had to have them bandaged.
c) **House rules**

Explain your house rules to your guest. Japanese people are told that Westerners do not take shoes off inside the house. If your household does not wear shoes inside the house, you should mention it. Many Japanese are unfamiliar with Americans going barefoot or in socks inside the house. Your guest may choose to wear slippers inside. Let them know what is okay in your household.

If you have a pet, explain how he/she should handle it -- for example, no picking it up, no human food, is it allowed on furniture or not, etc. Since most Japanese keep dogs outside, they may not be aware of toxic or harmful substances to your pet around the house like chocolate or raisins. Explain your family’s customs about snacking. If applicable, tell your guest that it is OK to open the refrigerator or pantry and have snacks. (In Japan, it is considered extremely rude to open someone else’s refrigerator or to help yourself to food from their kitchen.) He/she may feel hungry in the middle of the night because of the time difference.

### General Advice

a) **Gifts**

Gift-giving plays an important part in Japanese life and you are likely to receive some kind of gift from your guest. It may be advisable to be prepared with a few small welcome or farewell gifts to return the favor. (Items should be easy to pack.) However, hosts should not feel obliged to buy expensive gifts for your guests, even if they bring expensive gifts. It is the spirit of the gift that is important and not what you paid for it. Whatever “omiyage” (souvenir) your local group is offering, if anything, will be just fine.

b) **Jet lag**

Japan is 13/14 hours ahead of Georgia (depending on daylight savings) -- your guest may get drowsy during the daytime. Let him/her have some rest, but it would be better not to take a long nap. The best way to get over jet lag is to be up during daylight and have meals at regular mealtimes.

c) **Adjustment**

Allow your guest to adjust and get over their initial culture shock, nervousness, new family, or your Southern accent!

d) **Food**

Many kinds of American foods are available in Japan. Your guest most likely will eat American food. They tend to eat more fruits, vegetables and grains. Most desserts are too sweet for them except for ice cream. If you dine out, Italian, seafood, or Chinese might be a safe choice. Because meat is very expensive in Japan, many Japanese visitors enjoy trying a steakhouse or home grilling. For snacks, fruit, pretzels, Ritz or Goldfish crackers, popcorn, or nuts may be good.

e) **Personal time**

It is important for your guest to have some free time for personal needs, such as reading, relaxing or just being alone. At the same time, guests should be encouraged to spend time joining in the activities of the host family and not staying in their room all the time.

f) **Activities**

The Summit homestay period is three short days and most local sessions have planned a number of activities. During free time with hosts, a few planned activities of interest for your family and your guest may be appreciated. However, in past years, guests have reported that they most enjoy the ‘daily routine’ of host families, including trips to school, youth sports events, supermarkets, church services, etc. Try to gauge the interest level of your guests. While enthusiastic, they may also become tired and would enjoy relaxing with you at home. Or, they might have an insatiable appetite for all things southern! This judgment is up to you, their host.
Extra Resources


By allowing phonetic typing, you can type in Japanese without having to download any Japanese fonts or software. It’s the easiest way to type in Japanese. Just check the “allow phonetic typing” box beneath the text entry field after setting the “From:” language to Japanese (or following the link above) and you will be able to type in Japanese characters!

International Call: 011-81-Area Code (exp. 0)-Number
Ex) 03-123-4567→011-81-3-123-4567

If your guest paying by credit card-
Softbank Telecom: 1-800-381-0080
KDDI: 1-877-533-0081

Useful Japanese Phrases

Vowel Pronunciation Guide:

a: as in awful  
i: as in pizza  
u: as in uno  
e: as in spaghetti  
o: as in olive

Where you see two vowels together just pronounce each in turn. E.g. ai = a + i sounds like the English word “eye”. The consonant g is always hard, as in spaghetti, not as in gene. Japanese is broken up into sounds each ending in a vowel (exception is “n”). Pronounce each sound in turn and afford the same amount of time to each, e.g. Arigatou gozaimasu = a-ri-ga-tou go-za-i-ma-su

Thank you
Arigato ありがとう

You’re welcome
Dō itashimashite どういたしまして

Good morning
Ohayō おはよう

Good afternoon/Hello
Konnichi wa こんにちは

Good evening
Konban wa こんばんは

Good night
Oyasumi nasai おやすみなさい

It’s nice to meet you.
Hajimemashite はじめまして

My name is ____.
____ desu.  ____です。
Please call me ___.
___ to, yonde kudasai と、よんでください。

What is your name?
Onamae wa nan desu ka?
お名前は、なんですか。

Do you like ___?
___ ga suki desu ka? ___が、好きですか。

Are you tired?
Tsukarete imasu ka? つかれてますか。

Would you like something to eat?
Nani ka tabemasu ka? にか、たべますか。

Would you like something to drink?
Nani ka nomimasu ka? にか、のみますか。

Do you have any laundry to be washed?
Sentakumono wa arimasu ka?
せんたくものは、ありますか。

Feel free to use whatever you need.
Nandemo jiyuu ni tsukatte kudasai
なんでも、じゆうにつかってください。

It’s okay to wear your shoes (in the house).
(le dewa) Kutsu wo haitamamade ii desu (いえでは)くつを、はいたままでいいです。

Please take off your shoes (inside the house).
(le no nakadewa) kutsu wo nuide kudasai (いえのなかでは)くつを、ぬいでください。

It’s okay to not wear house slippers. *
Surippa wa, hakanakutemo ii desu スリッパは、はかなくてもいいです。
*Your guests might think that at an American home, if they are not wearing shoes, they have to use slippers.

It’s okay to take what you like from the pantry/fridge.
(Please take whatever you like from the pantry/fridge.)
Tana/reizoko kara sukinamono wo totte kudasai
たな／れいぞうこ から、好きなものをとってください。
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| “Aren’t you hungry?” | “Yes, I’m not hungry at all.” | · YES = I agree that I am not hungry. (No, I’m not.)  
· NO = I disagree that I am not hungry. (Yes, I’m hungry.)  
It’s better to avoid negative sentence questions! |
| “I’m leaving now. Are you coming with us?” | “I’m going.” | The Japanese use “going” when they are talking about leaving one place to arrive at another. “I’m going to that place with you.” = “Yes, I’m coming with you.” |
| “It’s a quarter to ten.” | Is it 10:15? Do you need ten quarters? | It’s clear to say “It’s 9:45.” instead of “It’s ___ to/after__.”  
Also, the idea of a “quarter” is not commonly used in Japan. They most likely will think that a quarter is a coin. |
| “What time does your plane leave?” | “It leaves at 21:30.” | Military time is commonly used in Japan, especially for time tables. |