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

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

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

Our MISSION is to serve as a facilitator that helps you “stay in touch” with Japan and be involved in Japan-related activities here in the U.S.
As families return to the U.S., they will be readjusting to American culture and their children will be entering and adjusting to U.S. schools or colleges, which can be a complex experience. It is known that children of parents who have spent time in abroad have great personal benefits and potential as well as also experience some challenges.

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

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

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

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

Embassy of Japan in the United States
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008
TEL: 202-238-6700

Japan Exchange and Teaching Office
http://jetprogramusa.org/
TEL: 202-238-6772 OR 202-238-6773

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

**MIDWEST**

Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago
Olympia Centre, Suite 1100
737 North Michigan Ave
Chicago IL 60611
TEL: 312-280-0430

Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit
400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600
Detroit MI 48243
TEL: 313-567-0120
http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/

**SOUTH**

Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta
Phipps Tower, Suite 850
3438 Peachtree Road
Atlanta GA 30326
TEL: 404-240-4300

Consulate-General of Japan in Miami
80 SW 8th Street Miami FL 33130-3047
TEL: 305-530-9090
http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/

Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville
1801 West End Avenue, Suite 900
Nashville, TN 37203
TEL: 615-340-4300

**JAPAN CONSULATES**

**NORTHEAST**

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston
Federal Reserve Plaza, 22nd Floor
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston MA 02210-2285
TEL: 617-973-9774
http://www.boston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jic.html

Consulate-General of Japan in New York
299 Park Ave, 18th Floor
New York NY 10171-0025
TEL: 212-371-8222
Japan Embassy and Consulates in the U.S.

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

**WEST**

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

**Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle**  
601 Union Street, Suite 500  
Seattle WA 98101-4015  
TEL: 206-682-9107  

**Consular Office of Japan in Portland**  
Wells Fargo Center, Suite 2700  
1300 SW 5th Ave Portland OR 97201  
TEL: 503-221-1811  

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

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

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

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

**Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna**  
Suite 604, Guam International Trade Center Building  
590 South Marine Drive  
Tamuning, Guam 96911, U.S.A  
TEL: 671-646-1290  

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

**JAPAN FOUNDATION**

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

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

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

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

NORTHEAST

The Japan Society of Boston, Inc.
c/o Showa Boston Institute
420 Pond Street
Boston, MA 02130
TEL: (617) 522-0740
http://www.japansocietyboston.org/

Japan-America Society of Maine
http://www.maine-japan.org/

The Japan-America Society of New Hampshire
82 Court Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
TEL: (603) 436-4010
http://www.portsmouthpeacetreaty.com/japan_american.cfm

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

Japan Society of Greater Hartford
https://sites.google.com/site/japansocietygh/

Japan-America Society and Black Ships Festival of Rhode Island
28 Pelham Street, Newport, RI 02840
TEL:(401) 846-2720
www.blackshipsfestival.com

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

Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania
600 Grant Street, Suite 444
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
TEL:(412) 433-5021
http://www.us-japan.org/jasp

Japan-America Society of Greater Philadelphia
200 South Broad Street, Suite 910
Philadelphia, PA 19102
TEL: (267) 348-0250
http://japanphilly.org

The Japan Society
157 Adelaide Street West, Suite 604
Toronto, Ontario Canada M5H4E7
TEL: (416) 366-4196
http://www.japansocietycanada.com
Japan America Societies

Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario
One Woodward Avenue
P. O. Box 33840
TEL: (313) 596-0484
http://us-japan-canada.org

SOUTH

The Japan-America Society of Washington DC
1819 L Street, NW B2
Washington, DC 20036
TEL: (202) 833-2210
http://www.jaswdc.org

Japan/America Society of Kentucky
464 Chenault Rd
Frankfort, KY 40601
TEL: (502) 209-9630
http://www.jask.org

The Japan-America Society of Georgia
3121 Maple Drive, NE, Suite 224
Atlanta, GA 30305
TEL: (404) 842-1400
http://www.jasgeorgia.org

Japan-America Society of North Carolina
123 Glenhaven Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
TEL: (919)260-9052

Japan-America Society of Northwest Florida, Inc.
P.O. Box 933
Gulf Breeze, FL 32562
TEL: (850) 602-7049
http://www.jasnwfl.org

Japan-America Society of Tennessee, Inc.
PO Box 330003
Nashville, TN 37203
TEL: (615) 663-6060
http://www.jastn.org

The Japan America Society of Alabama
2150 15th Ave.
S. Birmingham, AL 35205
TEL: (205) 910-3876
http://www.jasaweb.org

The Japan-America Society of Mississippi
P.O. Box 16884
Jackson, MS 39236
TEL: (601) 881-9813
http://www.jasmis-us.com

The Japan Society of New Orleans
P.O. Box 56785
New Orleans, LA 70156
TEL: (504) 408-0963

The Japan-America Society of Houston
4543 Post Oak Place, Suite 220
Houston, TX 77027
TEL: (713) 963-0121
http://jas-hou.org/

Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth
11615 Forest Central Drive, Suite 206
LB 26 Dallas, TX 75243
TEL: (214) 342-2022
http://www.jasdfw.org

Japan-America Society of Greater Austin
PO Box 9276
Austin, TX 78766
TEL: (512) 656-4731
http://www.jasga.org

Japan-America Society of San Antonio
P.O. Box 460444
San Antonio, TX 78246
TEL: (210) 885-1626
http://www.jas-sa.org
MIDWEST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEST

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

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

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

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

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

Japan America Society of Nevada
P.O. Box 81287
Las Vegas, NV 89180-1287
TEL: (702) 280-4858
http://www.jasnlasvegas.org

Japan America Society of Colorado
1373 Grant Street, #103
Denver, CO 80203
TEL: (303) 592-5364
http://www.jascolorado.org

Japan-America Society of Southern Colorado
PO Box 1294
Colorado Springs, CO 80901
http://www.japanamerica.org

Japan America Society of New Mexico, Inc.
2935-C Louisiana NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
TEL: (505) 291-1177
http://www.jasnm.org

Japan-America Society of Hawaii
1600 Kapiolani Blvd, Suite 204
Honolulu, HI 96814-3878
TEL: (808) 524-4450
http://www.jashawaii.org
Japanese Language Schools

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

JAPANESE WEEKEND SCHOOLS SATURDAYS

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

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

NORTHEAST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOUTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rose Parks Elementary School**
1501 O'Farrell St
San Francisco, CA 94115
TEL: (415) 749-3519
http://www.jbbpsf.org/

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

**Heritage Schools - Saturday**

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

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

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

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

**Little Pine Gakuen**
Bothell Everett Hwy Suite B
Bothell, WA 98021
TEL: (425) 949-5264
http://littlepinegakuen.com/

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OTHER LANGUAGE SCHOOLS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

The Glen Building A
19301 SE 34th St #100
Camas, WA 98607
There are many Japan-related festivals around the U.S. The scale and feature of the festivals vary, so look into the websites listed below for more information about festivals near you. Please note that the festivals are not limited to the below.

NORTHEAST

**Boston Japan Festival (April)**  
Boston Common  
Boston, MA 02108  
http://www.japanfestivalboston.org/ja/

**Black Ships Festival (July)**  
www.newportevevents.com/Blackships

**Oshogatsu (January)**  
Boston Children’s Museum  
308 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02210  

**Manjiro Festival (October: Odd numbered years only.)**  
Center and Walnut Streets  
Fairhaven  
http://fairhaventours.com/15th-manjiro-festival/

**Anime Boston**  
Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Boston Hotel  
http://www.animeboston.com/

**Vermont Matsuri (April)**  
http://jasv.org/v2/matsuri/

**Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia (April)**  
Horticulture Center  
Montgomery Drive & Belmont Avenue  
Philadelphia 19131  
http://subarucherryblossom.org/

**New York Japan Week (Grand Central Station) (February)**  
http://japanweek.us/

**Japan Day @ Central Park (May)**  
http://www.japandaynyc.org/

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

**Japan Block Fair (multiple times a year)**  
http://www.japanblockfair.com/

MIDWEST

**Minneapolis Como Park Lantern Lighting Festival (August)**  
http://mn-japan.org/ja/programs/lantern-lighting-festival/

**Saginaw(MI) Japan Festival (September)**  
http://www.japaneseculturalcenter.org/events.html

**Detroit Novi Japan Festival (October)**  

**Hinamatsuri (March)**  
http://www.dia.org/calendar/event.aspx?id=3581&iid=

**Chicago CelebrAsian Asian Heritage Festival (May)**  
http://japandaychicago.org/
Japanese Festivals

St. Louis Japanese Festival (August/September)

Kansas City Japan Festival (October)
http://www.kcjapanfestival.org/

Omaha (NE) Fall Chrysanthemum Show (October, November)
http://www.lauritzengardens.org/Visit/Events_and_Exhibits/

SOUTH

Washington DC National Cherry Blossom Festival (late-March thru mid-April: three weeks)
http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/about/nbcf-inc/

Washington DC Sakura Matsuri Street Festival (mid-April)
http://www.jaswdc.org/page-1451993

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

Washington DC Japanese New Year Celebration (January)

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

Lexington (KY) Japan Summer Festival (Kentucky) (September)
http://jask.org/Japan-Summer-Festival-2015

Charlotte (NC) Bon Odori Festival (August)
http://www.geocities.jp/jaclttest/ebonodori.html

Greenville (SC) Bon Dance (August)
https://greenvilleobon.wordpress.com/

Macon (GA) International Cherry Blossom Festival (March/April: 10 days)
http://www.cherryblossom.com/

Conyers (GA) Conyers Cherry Blossom Festival (April)
http://www.conyersga.com/visitors/events-and-attractions/cherry-blossom-festival

Dunwoody (GA) Perimeter College Japan Fest (April)

Duluth (GA) JapanFest (September)
https://japanfest.org/

Ball Ground (GA) Gibbs Garden Japanese Arts & Culture Festival (October)
http://www.gibbsgardens.com/event/japanese-arts-and-cultural-festival/

Birmingham (AL) Sakura Cherry Blossom Festival (March)
http://www.bbgardens.org/index2.php

Tuscaloosa (AL) Sakura Festival (April)
http://uanews.ua.edu/2014/04/uas-sakura-festival-returns-to-celebrate-japanese-culture/

Decatur (AL) Decatur Daikin Festival (May)
http://www.decaturcvb.org/item/daikin-japanese-festival
Japanese Festivals

Miami Hatsume Fair (April)
4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
http://morikami.org/event/hatsume-fair/

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

Bon Fest Pensacola (August)
LEGION FIELD RESOURCE CENTER
GYMNASIUM
1301 W Gregory St,
Pensacola, FL 32502
http://bonfestpensacola.weebly.com/

Experience Asia (October)
Lewis and Bloxham Parks
Downtown Tallahassee, Florida
http://www.asiantlh.org/

Lantern Festival (October)
4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
http://morikami.org/cultural-programs/lantern-festival/

Orlando Japan Festival (November)
The Village at Hunter’s Creek
13574 Village Park Drive
Orlando, FL 32837
http://www.jorlando.org/

Oshougatsu (January)
4000 Morikami Park Rd.
Delray Beach, FL 33446
http://morikami.org/cultural-programs/oshogatsu/

Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival (April)
http://nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org/

Moon Viewing Celebration (September)
http://www.cheekwood.org/Public_Programs/Japanese_Moon_Viewing_Celebration.aspx

New Orleans Japan Fest (October)
http://www.nola.com/events/event/japan-fest/138882/

Houston Japan Festival Houston (April)
http://www.houstonjapanfest.org/

Dallas Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival (October)
http://jasdfw.org/pages/program_events_calendar.html

Austin Aki Matsuri Japan Fall Festival (October)

San Antonio Aki Matsuri (October)
http://www.jas-sa.org/

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Anchorage Japanese Summer Festival (August)
University of Alaska
Anchorage Campus
http://www.jsak.org/events.html

Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival (April)
http://www.cherryblossomfest.org/

Eastside Japan Festival (September)
http://enma.org/

Olympia (WA) Oshogatsu in Olympia (January)
http://celebratejapan.org/
Japanese Festivals

Portland (Beaverton) Oregon Summer Festival (July)

Portland (Beaverton) Festival Japan (September)
http://jaso.org/

Portland Mochi-tsuki (rice cake pounding)
http://mochipdx.org/

Idaho Japan Festival (September)
http://idahojapaneseassociation.org/japanday2015/

Denver Japan Festival (March)
http://www.santafejin.org/

Hana Matsuri (April)

Salt Lake Nihon Matsuri (April)
http://www.nihonmatsuri.com/

Laramie(WY) Festival of Japan (October)
http://jaswy.org/index.shtml

Las Vegas Aki Matsuri Japanese Festival (October)
http://www.lvakimatsuri.com/

San Francisco Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival (April)
http://sfcherryblossom.org/

J-Pop Summit (August)
http://www.j-pop.com/

Millbrae Japanese Cultural Festival (October)
http://www.japaneseculturefest-millbrae.org/

Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival (April)
http://www.cupertino-toyokawa.org/cherry-blossom-festival/

Sonoma Matsuri! Sonoma County Japanese Art Festival (May)
http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/

San Jose Hakone Matsuri (May)
http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/

Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair (June)
http://www.sonomamatsuri.com/

Los Angeles Niseiweek Japanese Festival (August)
http://www.jas-sa.org/

LA/San Diego/Orange County Japan Fair (August: these three locations)
http://japanfair.org/

Los Angeles LA Eiga Festival (Japanese Film Festival) (around September)
http://www.laeigafest.com/

Torrance/San Diego Bridge USA Summer Festival (July)

Phoenix Arizona Matsuri (February)
http://www.azmatsuri.org/

Albuquerque New Mexico Aki Matsuri (Japanese Fall Festival) (September)
http://www.nmjacl.org/

Cherry Blossom Denver Festival (June)
http://cherryblossomdenver.org/

Children’s Day by Japan America Society of Southern Colorado (May)
http://www.japanamerica.org/event-1895460
Japanese Festivals

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

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

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

Hawaii Honolulu Festival (March)

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

Hawaii Matsuri Kauai (July)
http://kauaijcs.org/?page_id=1191
Here is a list of Anime Conventions in US:
There are over 250 Japanese gardens in North America. Check out the website of the North American Japanese Garden Association (NAJGA) (http://www.najga.org/). You can locate the nearest Japanese garden using the Finder.
Both cultural centers and community groups are actively engaged in events and/or exchange programs. Many of their websites have lots of detailed content. For example, Okinawa Kai (DC) hosts a large festival during the spring that is open anyone. They are worthwhile looking into for some fun and education.

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

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

**New York**
Okinawa American Association of New York
Contact: smhamaker@gmail.com
http://www.oaany.org/ja/

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Los Angeles**
Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
244 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
TEL: 213-628-2725
http://www.jacccc.org/
Alumni Groups

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

Japan US Military Program (JUMP)
Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
1819 L St NW #300
Washington, DC 20036
TEL: 202 (296) 6694
http://www.jumprogram.org/
The Embassy of Japan will be providing information on TCK-related resources and activities via our new TCK Facebook page listed below. Please also check your local resources for TCK activities and meet-ups near you.

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

**KEY LINKS**

**Japan in Your Heart-TCK Facebook (Launching Soon!)**
www.facebook.com/JIYH.TCK/
(It will include TCK-related information, interview articles and online information package)

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES**

*Third Culture Kid - Wikipedia*
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_culture_kid#General_characteristics

**Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds**
By Ruth Van Reken and David Pollack

**Denizen Magazine**
http://denizenmag.com/

**TCKid**
http://tckid.com/what-is-a-tck.html

**So Where’s Home? A Film About Third Culture Kid Identity**
https://vimeo.com/41264088

**Third Culture Kids: the impact of growing up in a globalized world**
By Ruth Van Reken
TEDxINSEAD
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrVWHfEQz6A

**When You’re A Third Culture Kid**
http://whenyoureathirdculturekid.tumblr.com/