



# BREA SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

HANNO, JAPAN ✦ BREA, USA ✦ LAGOS DE MORENO, MEXICO

## Hanno, Japan Student Trip – 2009

(Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

### Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Brea Sister City Association's 2009 student homestay trip. Over 200 Brea students have stayed with Hanno families since this program's inception.

Each selected student will be staying with a different Japanese host family while in Hanno, Japan. This exciting trip will include a scheduled welcome party, tours of the Hanno (and possibly Tokyo) areas, and meetings with city officials, junior high, high school and college students. The Sister City delegates will attend a Japanese school for a day. Students will also have a few unscheduled free days with their host family. Please visit our website at <http://www.breasistercity.org> for a look at previous exchange trips. Additional information is provided on the attached sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Ronna Voisan of the Brea Sister City Association. She may be reached at [RonnaVoisan@gmail.com](mailto:RonnaVoisan@gmail.com) or (714) 255-0103.

The cost of this year's trip will be approximately \$950. Students will be responsible for making up class work missed during the five days they are out of school. Families of selected students are also expected to host a Japanese student when they visit Brea from January 15 – 21, 2009.

Interested students must return completed application packets to PO Box 52 in Brea, 92822. They must be received in the PO box by **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please include all necessary documents in one envelope.

#### Check list:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Educator Evaluation (in a signed, sealed envelope)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo (approx. 1½" by 2" headshot - school picture or snapshot)  
(Please write your name on the back of the photo.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay Response 1 and 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any other necessary explanation notes as described on Application

**(Please make a copy of all documents for your information/records prior to mailing them.)**

Thank you again for your interest. We will be calling all applicants to arrange interviews in early November and look forward to meeting you then.

PO BOX 52 - BREA, CA - 92822-0052



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## Hanno, Japan Student Trip General Information – 2009

Selected students from Brea will have the opportunity to travel to Brea's sister city Hanno, Japan. The trip will last ten days and will be a great experience for those fortunate enough to go. The trip is planned for **February 13 - February 23, 2009**. This trip is sponsored solely by the Brea Sister City Association. The students selected to go on this trip will be chosen by members of the Brea Sister City Association.

The following is a list of the requirements and commitments that each student and their family will be asked to fulfill:

- Each student of high school age, must reside or attend school in Brea, or have a parent who works in Brea.
- Each student must fill out an application (including several short essay responses), obtain an Educator Evaluation, a Letter of Recommendation, and send a photograph to the Brea Sister City Association by the deadline.
- Each student will be interviewed by members of the Brea Sister City Association. (Please dress appropriately.)
- Each student must obtain a U.S. passport.
- Each student and their parent or guardian must attend all meetings (2 – 3 meetings on weekday evenings)
- Each student and their parent or guardian must sign a Responsibility Release Form, giving chaperones control over the student if behavior problems occur.
- Each student participating in the exchange program will be required to host a Japanese student from **January 15 through January 21, 2009**.

The approximate cost of the trip is **\$950.00** plus spending money. If selected to go, you will be required to submit a **\$250.00 money order deposit** (non-refundable) made out to the Brea Sister City Association **by Nov. 12, 2008**, with the remainder due **Dec. 15, 2008**. Both money orders must be received by mail at PO Box 52, Brea, CA 92822 by the due date or your spot on the trip may be forfeited to another student.

Students will stay in a typical Japanese home during their trip to Hanno. Most of their expenses are covered by the City of Hanno, except for an occasional meal out and personal shopping expenses which are the sole financial responsibility of the student. Students will need to exchange dollars for yen prior to leaving on the trip. Information on how to easily accomplish this will be shared at a student/parent meeting.

This trip will be an enjoyable and educational experience for our students. Students and chaperones will be representing the City of Brea and will be acting as ambassadors of the United States. For this reason, we will be selective in choosing the students awarded this unique opportunity to travel to Japan. Students will be expected to act accordingly and to be responsible for their application, meeting all deadlines, attending all meetings pertaining to this trip, and participating as a host family when the students from Hanno arrive **January 15 - January 21, 2009**. We need to receive the applications on or before the due date of **October 14, 2008**. No applications will be accepted after the due date.

An application packet may be obtained on-line at <http://www.breasistercity.org> starting **September 16, 2008** or from Mrs. Masako White's classroom at Brea Olinda High School, room 120. They are also available from Ronna Voisan. Ms. Voisan may be contacted at [RonnaVoisan@gmail.com](mailto:RonnaVoisan@gmail.com) or (714) 255-0103. Send completed application packet to:

Brea Sister City Association  
P.O.Box 52  
Brea CA 92822 (Due date is **Tuesday, October 14, 2008**)

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## Student Application for Hanno, Japan Trip

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Email : \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any sports, clubs, hobbies, extracurricular activities and honors since 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

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Have you ever been arrested or disciplined at school (other than minor corrections from a teacher)? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_  
If yes, please describe the situation and resolution on another sheet of paper.

Are you a USA citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been outside of the USA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe when, where,  
and the length of the visit on another sheet of paper.

***I certify that all information submitted in the application process is factually true and honestly presented. I understand that the Sister City Association reserves the right to rescind acceptance to the program up to the day of departure due to misrepresentation or non-disclosure in the application process or subsequent school or legal infractions.***

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide typed, short essay responses to the following prompts on the same sheet of paper (100 – 250 words each).  
Be sure to put your name on the paper and attach it to your application.

1. Why would you like to go to Hanno, Japan with the Brea Sister City Association delegation? Describe what appeals to you most about the homestay experience. Reflect on what it will be like to live as a member of a family in Hanno. Articulate what problems or challenges (other than language) you might expect to encounter and how you might deal with them.
2. Describe the qualities you have that would make you a good representative of Brea.

Please include the **Educator Evaluation Form**, a **photo** of yourself (approx. 1" x 2 ½ " head shot) labeled with your name on the back, and a **letter of recommendation** from *someone outside your family* who has known you for at least one year. This could be from another teacher, a coach, clergy person, or other adult who knows of your accomplishments. Thank you.

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## Educator Evaluation

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this form to an academic teacher (e.g., Language, Social Studies, Science, or Math teacher; **NOT** Art, Music, or PE teacher) who has taught you for at least 6 months. Note: You may ask for a recommendation from a junior high school teacher. Request that the teacher complete, sign and return this form to you *in a sealed envelope, with the teacher's signature across the seal of the envelope.*

----- TO BE COMPLETED BY AN ACADEMIC TEACHER -----

1. In what context and for what length of time have you known this student?

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2. Describe this student's behavior in the classroom with respect to authority, peers, class participation, group activities and individual school work.

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3. Do you know of any physical or emotional difficulties this student might have which may affect his/her participation on the Hanno trip? No: \_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_ If yes, you will be called by a Sister City Association representative.

4. If you were a chaperone on this trip, would you be willing to travel with this student? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

5. Please check one of the following:

I highly recommend this student

I recommend this student

I do not recommend this student

I have some reservations. I would like someone from the Sister City Association to contact me.

(All remarks will be kept confidential)

Teacher Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Subject taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_