



Volunteers Wanted

for

Japan in a Suitcase

Teaching students about "Different Perspectives" through the life of Japanese elementary school students

About JASH

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with a mission of "promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and the United States through the special and unique perspective of Hawaii." We do this by providing programs, which help to expand knowledge, increase meaningful human contact and facilitate discussion of important issues.

What is Japan in a Suitcase?

Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. It is one of seven JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives. One of the goals of JIAS is to nurture students' sense of inquisitiveness and help them learn to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. We want them to develop their thinking skills so they can become better decision-makers and risk-takers. We believe teaching these things at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures, and help develop them into our future leaders and global citizens.

What would I be doing as a volunteer? Volunteers for JIAS visit elementary school classes and present artifacts brought in a suitcase, including an elementary school backpack (*randozeru*), textbooks, *yukata*, and more. They also show photos of life in Japan, and introduce basic Japanese greetings, gestures and games. Presentations range from 30 minutes to one hour, and are scheduled on weekdays throughout the school year. Training and lesson plans will be provided, and transportation costs will be reimbursed.

What skills do I need? Enjoy working with children. Some knowledge of Japanese culture and language is preferred. A desire to make a difference!

JIAS was implemented in Hawaii in 1999 and the demand grows each year. Last year we made presentations to over 4,000 students across the island.

Please contact Kristi Mitchell at 524-4450 or kmitchell@jashawaii.org with any questions.

Mahalo and Domo Arigato Gozaimasu



Japan-America Society of Hawaii

"Opening Minds and Hearts in Friendship"



Volunteer Registration for Japan in a Suitcase 2011 - 2012 School Year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Transportation (Car): Available Not available

Language Proficiency: English Japanese Both

Teaching Experience: YES / NO

(if "YES", describe _____)

Availability:

Monday Morning (8-12) Afternoon (1-3)

Tuesday Morning (8-12) Afternoon (1-3)

Wednesday Morning (8-12) Afternoon (1-3)

Thursday Morning (8-12) Afternoon (1-3)

Friday Morning (8-12) Afternoon (1-3)

Preferred areas:

HONOLULU

CENTRAL Aiea Pearl City Mililani Wahiawa

LEEWARD Ewa Waipahu Kapolei Waianae

WINDWARD

No preference

Questions & Comments: