

MARLBORO NANTO-WUJIANG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM Student Travel Application

The Marlboro Nanto and Wujiang Youth Exchange Program has forged a long-lasting relationship between Marlboro Township and sister cities of Nanto, Japan and Wujiang, China. The intent of the program is to help our students appreciate cultural differences and foster a sense of global understanding among the students and their host families.

This tremendous opportunity is offered to students who are interested in representing Marlboro Township as young Ambassadors.

Student Traveler Requirements:

- Submit a written essay about why you want to be a Marlboro Student Ambassador
- Have previously hosted Nanto or Wujiang students
- Must participate in fundraising activities for the program, including but not limited to: water sales, book fair, clothing drives, grocery bagging, etc.
- Must represent the program at various events both before and after hosting and travel

BEFORE the Trip:

- Meet regularly as a group to learn about the culture and language before their trip
- Write and memorize an introductory and farewell speeches in the language of the country you are visiting
- Practice and perform as a group and individually during their Farewell Dinners in China or Japan
- Prepare 1000 paper cranes to be brought to Hiroshima Peace Park on behalf of Marlboro Township

AFTER the Trip:

- Must provide a 1-2 minute Presentation of their trip upon their return from travel to the Marlboro Township Town Council
- Must participate in the Marlboro Multi-Cultural Day (MMCD) with a 3-4 minute presentation on stage
OR
- Provide a tri-fold display of your travel experience for the MYEP table at MMCD
- Participate in Information Session and Promote the MYEP Event

The cost of the trip is incurred by the family and may vary based on various factors including the exchange rate. Fundraising activities may be applied to the trip costs.

Nanto Trip Information (Summer 2024):

Trip length is approximately 14-16 days in the Summer

Marlboro students will tour Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo with chaperones from Marlboro

Students will spend eight (7-8) days in pairs with host families in Nanto City

Wujiang Trip Information (Summer 2025):

Trip length is approximately 14-16 days in the Summer

Marlboro students will tour Shanghai, Suzhou, Xian and Beijing with chaperones from Marlboro

Students will spend six (6-7) days in pairs with host families in Wujiang City

Upon arrival, there will be a Welcome Reception during which our Marlboro Student Ambassadors will introduce themselves with a welcome speech.

During the home stay week, the hosting City organizes activities and trips for all Marlboro students to various places of interest in the area.

Farewell Dinner party concludes the home stay week and our Marlboro Student Ambassadors will show their appreciation to the people of the hosting City for their hospitality with performances and farewell speeches.

MARLBORO NANTO-WUJIANG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

On rare occasion, an emergency requiring hospitalization and/or surgery develops. Since minors may not, as a rule, be administered an anesthetic or be operated upon without written consent of the parentis or guardian/s, complete the following statement. This is a safeguard to prevent a dangerous delay in case of an emergency and in the event we are unable to contact the parents or guardian/s.

In the event of injury or illness to our (son/daughter/ward)

_____, Date of Birth: _____
First Name Last Name month/day/year

We hereby authorize the representatives of the Marlboro Nanto-Wujiang Youth Exchange Program or their officers or agents, to secure treatment deemed necessary, including the administration of an anesthetic, the prescription of medicines, and/or treatment, or surgery.

_____, Date: _____
Signature (Parent/Guardian) month/day/year

Print Parent/Guardian: Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Food, Medicines or anesthetics to which our child is allergic are:

Describe medical condition, if any, your child has that a physician in this or another country should take into account in the event of an emergency.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:

Please list the people to be contacted in the event an emergency. Please print all the information clearly.

1. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers:

Day: _____

Cell: _____

Evening: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers:

Day: _____

Cell: _____

Evening: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

The members of Marlboro Nanto-Wujiang Youth Exchange Program, Marlboro Township and the Marlboro Improvement and Cultural Fund, Inc., assume no personal liability or collective responsibility in the event an accident or mishap which may arise during the Delegation's trip duration.

I fully understand and agree to all terms set above.

Print Parents / Guardians first & last name

Parents / guardians signature

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

__ day of _____

Notary

MARLBORO-NANTO-WUJIANG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

These parameters are set with the students' safety in mind. They will help us in keeping the students on task. It will also aid in meeting our responsibilities during the trip and assure that the students will have both a learning experience and fun. All these rules are in compliance with school and district regulations and have been approved by the Marlboro Youth Exchange Program administration. Any student not complying with any of the rules will be subject to township disciplinary action.

General Guidelines:

- Remember that at all times during this trip you are being judged as an individual, a member of your family back home, an Ambassador and an American.
- Respect and be considerate of both the chaperones and the other ambassadors on this trip. The chaperones have a tremendous responsibility to provide for your care and safety. This is not your own vacation. This is a time for you to demonstrate your maturity by going along with the majority of the group. The itinerary has been carefully planned to meet the needs and interests of the entire group.
- Follow Directions Carefully.
- No smoking, drinking, or use of profanity.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Do not leave the group for any reason.
- If you need to use the restrooms, notify the chaperones before leaving.
- Always travel in groups of at least three (3).
- Make an effort to include everyone in all activities.
- Be on time for all appointments. All trips are carefully and timely planned.
- If for some reason you become lost, stay where you are. A chaperone will be constantly checking attendance and will return to the last site to find you. You should always be with a buddy.
- It is your responsibility to calmly, politely, and accurately report any and all problems to a chaperone immediately. Do not take matters into your own hands.

Airport:

- Stay with your group at all times. You may think you have a lot of time until a flight, but there may be checking in and boarding procedures, as well as customs, that must be followed.
- All students' luggage will be subject to a search prior to boarding the bus/plane
- Respect others' rights and watch your behavior. No loud talking, running, fooling around, etc.

Plane:

- Do not get out of your seat unnecessarily. Everyone is in the same situation you will be sitting for many hours.
- Respect others' rights to privacy, peace, and quiet, etc. Avoid loud noises, fooling around, loud talking, singing, etc.

Hotel:

- Your total **cooperation** and good conduct are especially important at the hotel. You and your roommates are personally **responsible** for any damage in the hotel.
- No shouting, running, or inappropriate behavior will be permitted.
- You must **remain** in your assigned room after the time designated by the chaperones. **Do not leave the hotel under any circumstances.**
- Room service, phone calls and pay TV are **not permitted**.
- Respect others' property. Leave the room in a reasonable manner that will not embarrass you or the group. Do not take any items from the hotel rooms (pillows, towels, books). Hotel Kimonos / Yukata may be worn in the hotel, but may not be taken home.

For the following infractions, the student parents or legal guardian will be required to pick up their child from the excursion. Yes, parents will need to fly to China/Japan to pick them up!

- Students are not allowed to possess or consume any alcohol, smoke cigarettes or possess or use any drug paraphernalia during the excursion.
- Students are not allowed to gamble at any point during the excursion.
- Students are not allowed in a room of the opposite sex in the hotel (no boys in a girls' room/no girls in a boys' room) at any time during the trip.
- Any student involved in shoplifting will be in the hands of the police, and his/her parents will have to come and get him/her.
- Students are not allowed to be in possession of any weapons or fire arms.

Home Stay Rules:

- **Respect** the culture/tradition of the family you are staying with. Be **sensitive/aware** of the fact that family members have to go to work in the morning.
- **Respect** others' rights to privacy, peace and quiet and be **considerate** of the following:

- Bedtimes
- Showering and bathroom procedures
- Noise levels
- Routines followed in the homes

We are Ambassadors of Marlboro Township representing our town and country, so we expect our students and chaperones to exhibit exemplary behavior by showing respect to our hosts, guides, and anyone we encounter on our journey through China and Japan.

We will limit cell phone usage as we want our students to increase their interactions with each other, awareness of their surroundings in a foreign country as well as enjoy and take in the incredible sights that are unique to China and Japan.

Please sign the following agreement to assure that both the student and guardian understand the preceding regulations.

I understand the rules and procedures as presented to me, and I am aware of what is expected of my child. In case of wrongdoing, I am aware there will be consequences.

I understand that photos or videos may be taken of my child and family that may be published on the Marlboro Youth Exchange Web site, Facebook, Flyers, and other social media platforms.

I have read and agree to abide by the above guidelines and understand that any violation may result in the early termination of my trip. I understand that I may escort my child home from China or Japan, at my expense.

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Date