

MICHIGAN-SHIGA GOODWILL MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 14 TO AUGUST 24, 2019

The Michigan-Shiga Sister State Board invites you to join our 2019 Goodwill Mission Trip to Shiga, Japan, Michigan's Sister State. Trip co-coordinators are Marilyn Schlief (Lansing), Rebecca Walters Traverse City, and Shun Nishimura (Shiga). Our trip has openings for thirty (30) Michigan participants, and we would be honored if you could travel with us to experience this special trip to our sister state.

This 11-day sister state trip to Shiga includes:

- Pre-travel orientation
- Round trip air fare from Detroit to Nagoya
- Ground travel in Japan
- Hotel accommodations and most meals
- Luggage transfers
- English speaking Interpreter/Tour Guide
- Tours & Unique Cultural Experiences

The central highlight of this trip will be a 5 day, 4-night homestay in the home of a Japanese family in your sister city. You will meet their families, friends and neighbors, experiencing Japanese customs and traditions. Friendships will be formed that last a lifetime.

As of January 2019, the cost of the trip is \$2,900 per person. This is subject to change based upon final delegate count, exchange rates, and airline taxes & fuel surcharges. Delegates will be advised immediately if price increases are known.

The attached application form must be completed for each individual traveling to Japan. A deposit of \$200 must accompany the application when submitted, no later than April 1, 2019.

If you are renewing or applying for your passport, we suggest you do so as soon as possible, as our travel agent will need a copy of your passport by June 1, 2019.

An orientation meeting has been scheduled in the Lansing Area for Saturday, June 1, 2019. We will start our meeting at 11:00 AM and will finish by 3:00 PM. A Japanese lunch will be provided during the meeting. As a delegate, you are expected to attend and will receive detailed information about the trip; including a power point presentation, tips on gifting, customs, overview of the areas we will see, handouts and an opportunity for you to ask questions about any concerns you might have.

For additional information, contact Marilyn Schlief at 517.410-7400. If you e-mail your questions, title your subject line with "Your name- 2019 GWM Trip". We look forward to traveling with you.

2019 Goodwill Mission Co-coordinators:

- ~ *Marilyn Schlief, 2018 President*
- ~ *Rebecca Walters, 2019 Vice President &*
- ~ *Shun Nishimura, Shiga Visiting Official*