

## Labo/Canadian Exchange

# Summer Homestay in Japan

Labo's In-Japan summer homestay program gives Canadian youth the opportunity to live with a typical Japanese family four weeks as a family member, not a tourist.

Students will depart from either Calgary, Toronto or Vancouver and fly non-stop to Tokyo. There, an overnight stay allows them to get their bearings before traveling to their host families by air, train or car. *All ground travel in Japan is chaperoned.*

During the summer students will attend 4 day/3-night Labo Camp with their host. An overnight stay in Tokyo winds up this wonderful experience! Students are assigned to their requested host family or, if they don't have a request, to a family with a child of the same sex and similar age (up to two years age difference).

Labo has an extensive network of branch offices, college Interns and Labo club leaders to help exchangees if there are problems or questions.

### 2018 Program Schedule

- March 1      Application and \$500 deposit due to Ellen Bonde  
                   -Cheque should be made payable to: **Ellen Bonde – In Trust**  
                   *At lower left of cheque write: Canadian 4-H/Japanese Exchange.*  
                   -Reference letters should be sent directly to the Coordinator.  
                   -Late applications are accepted only on a 'space available' basis, and may result in higher airfare or delayed host family assignment.
- June 1      Receive Host Family Information Sheet and Orientation materials:  
                   -Participant Handbook  
                   -In-Japan Schedule  
                   -Brief Guide to Japan  
                   -Yookoso! phrasebook
- June 1      Full Payment Due. Airfare and Program Fees
- July 12      Depart Calgary, Toronto, or Vancouver for non-stop flight to Narita airport.
- July 13      Arrive Narita airport. Bus to Tokyo. Overnight stay in Tokyo
- July 14      Orientation meeting followed by travel to host families
- August 8     Return to Tokyo from homestays. Overnight stay in Tokyo.
- August 9     Depart Tokyo and arrive in Canada

***Please contact the coordinator for this year's program cost.***

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**COST**

<b>In-Japan Program Fee</b>	<b>\$1700 In-Japan Program Fee</b> Covers all travel in Japan; Shipping suitcases to Host Families; Food and lodging at hotels; Homestays, Travel to Camp and Camp fee; Chaperone and coordinator support; and Narita airport fee.
<b>Exchange T-shirts</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Medical Insurance</b>	<b>Approx. \$70</b> Medical insurance sold in conjunction with the air ticket. This coverage is optional, but participants must show proof of valid insurance coverage. <b>Families are responsible for all medical costs not covered by insurance.</b>
<b>Airfare TBA</b>	Airfares will be announced
<b>Spending Money</b>	Individual needs will vary. Students typically spend between \$400 and \$700.
<b>Passport</b>	Participants are responsible for obtaining a passport.

**'NIHONGO' ADD-ON**

Students wishing to participate in the NIHONGO intensive Japanese language program will depart from Canada on **June 14, 2018** and will join the summer homestay group when they arrive in Japan on **July 15**. All students will return to Canada on **August 9**. Please contact the coordinator for more details. Applications for the NIHONGO program are due **February 1**.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact the Exchange Coordinator, or Labo

**EXCHANGE COORDINATOR**

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