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Red Wing
Sister Cities Commission
**RED WING
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM WITH
IKATA, JAPAN**

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The Red Wing-Ikata Student Exchange Program is an annual program aimed at high school age students from the sister cities of Red Wing, Minnesota and Ikata, Japan. Participants visit the other country, learning about its language and culture through travel and home-stays. It is held in the late summer, usually from mid-July to mid-August. The program was established in 1995.

To qualify to participate in the exchange program as a student delegate to Ikata, you must meet the following criteria:

Student in grade 8-11

Reside in the Red Wing school district.

Be interested in foreign cultures and willing to try new things

Willing to give back to the community by sharing your experience abroad with classmates, etc.

Possess a valid passport or be able to obtain one before the program begins

We ask that students' families consider hosting an Ikata student for the second half of the program, **but this is not a requirement.**

Cost varies from year to year, but averages around \$1000 + airfare. The Commission offers a number of scholarships up to \$500, as well as fundraisers to help defray these costs.

Photos from the 2011 Exchange to Ikata



Sight seeing



Japanese restaurants



Local festivals and cultural activities



Learn about another culture!

Why should you participate?

Make lifelong friends and experience another culture in a distant country - across the Pacific ocean.

See two sides of Japan: urban Tokyo and rural Ikata.

See the biggest city on earth from atop Tokyo Tower. Tokyo has a population of 32.4 million. By comparison New York City's population is 19.7 million!

Shop for unique gifts in Japanese markets.

Feed tame deer on the island of Miyajima.

Visit the grounds of the Imperial Palace and other temples and castles.

Visit the Hiroshima museum and memorial.

Learn about day-to-day life of Japanese students and citizens.

See what life is like in a subtropical climate.

Try new types of food and drink.

Ride a high speed 'bullet train' through the mountains and islands of Japan.

Participate in a local festival, with dancing, traditional Taiko drumming, and fireworks.

Have fun with friends from Red Wing and Ikata - **an experience you will never forget!**