



# Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association

*"Building Leaders for the 21st Century"*



## Environmental Summit in Yokkaichi, Japan Depart LAX July 27, 2025 and Return August 4, 2025

### Overview and Information CHAPERONE

Concept: Four students from Long Beach will join students from Yokkaichi, Japan and Tianjin, China in Yokkaichi, Japan to exchange environmental ideas. It is thought that by working together and sharing ideas, the outcome will create possible pragmatic solutions to environmental issues facing their home port cities in relationship to the world.

#### **Program:**

1. Tour of environmental facilities in Yokkaichi including the Port of Yokkaichi and the Petrochemical complex.
2. Forum/Panel discussions regarding environmental issues and an exchange of ideas.
3. Student delegates will give a presentation in the Hall of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry about the environment in each home country and what each delegation can learn from the other.

#### **Long Beach Environmental Summit Team:**

1. Four high school students and one adult chaperone.
2. No language requirement. Sessions in Japanese, Chinese and English will be conducted by simultaneous translation.

#### **Accommodations:**

ICETT (International Center for Environmental Technology & Transfer) will provide dorm-type housing and meals.

#### **REQUIREMENTS - CHAPERONE**

1. Must be more than 25 years old and possess a valid U.S. passport.
2. Be a United States citizen, have no criminal convictions and possess evidence of good moral character.
3. Have NO VISIBLE tattoos.
4. Have demonstrated experience in working with students between 15 and 17 years old.

5. Submit to a personal interview by the association or its representatives.
6. Those selected must attend a class/or classes (may be held via Zoom) to learn Japanese customs and culture prior to departing Long Beach. The class/or classes will be held in prior to departure and we will attempt to coordinate mutually acceptable dates. We are sorry, but failure to attend the training classes will result in the applicant not being allowed to attend the Summit. An alternate may be chosen who will obtain the benefit of the training but most likely will not go to Japan.
7. The Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association (LBYSKA) committee may schedule tours of environmental/recycling sites in Long Beach to prepare students with their presentations in Japan. All selected participants are encouraged to attend.
8. Chaperone is encouraged to take many photos of the Long Beach team, especially with the Japan and Chinese teams, while in Japan.
9. Chaperone must be willing to email daily reports from Japan to the Environmental Summit Chairperson on the status of the students to the Environmental Chairperson, Mike Vaughn, at [mikevaughn1997@gmail.com](mailto:mikevaughn1997@gmail.com).
10. **Chaperone must file a report within two weeks upon return.** Create a report that may include photos and other items from the Summit experience which will be available to Yokkaichi Sister City for future use.
11. Chaperone will need to supply small gifts for his/her hosts.
12. Applicants should not have any serious allergies or life-threatening medical conditions. More details will be given with the announcement of the results of the final selection.
13. Selected applicants must provide a health clearance prior to leaving the United States.
14. Selected applicants must show proof of COVID vaccinations - Not mandatory 2025.
15. Selected applicants must individually provide Travel and Health insurance.

#### **FINANCIAL COSTS AND EXPENSES:**

1. Chaperone is responsible for one-half the round-trip airfare cost to Japan. The ½ balance will be paid by the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association.
2. Selected participants will need to provide their own spending money. This amount is roughly \$300 since all travel within Yokkaichi, lodging and meals will be provided by the City of Yokkaichi.
3. Selected participants will need to obtain small gifts for their hosts and other participants. These can be donated, handmade, etc. and we will assist in helping participants select those gifts which need not be expensive.
4. Selected participants will also be required to obtain travel medical insurance that will cost approximately \$40 unless covered by existing medical insurance.

## **GENERAL APPLICANT PROFILE - CHAPERONE**

1. The students will be supervised by chaperones from Long Beach and Yokkaichi at all times.
2. Students and chaperone will be responsible for their conduct at all times. Representing the City of Long Beach, participants must be aware of their responsibilities and conduct themselves in such a manner so as to present the best of American culture and education. This includes accepting and honoring differences in customs, food, values and traditions.
3. Chaperone will be responsible for the conduct, attitude, appearance and safety of the student delegates. He or she will be expected to be available to the program the entire time during the trip and will be in constant contact and communication with the students and the city officials in Yokkaichi and LBYSCA.
4. Chaperone must be willing to allow students to evolve intellectually without giving personal opinions, etc.
5. Chaperone is there for the well-being of the students but not there to participate with the students in the environmental discussions. These are for the students and therefore, it will be necessary for the chaperone to observe from a distance.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

1. Please type or print neatly. Complete all parts of the application. If using a computer, use the TAB key to move to each field; and use the "X" key to select where applicable.
2. Attach a **recent photo** (passport type size) to the upper right-hand corner of the first page. Write your full name and the photo date on the back of the photo.
3. Submit a resume.
4. Submit a copy or application for a valid U.S. passport.
5. **Two letters of Recommendation** must be submitted along with the application. The two recommendation letters should be from unrelated adults concerning the applicant's background and ability to serve as chaperone for a group of four students. The letters should address your character and discuss your suitability and any relevant experiences to working with the Summit participants as a chaperone representing the City of Long Beach.
6. Submit a current Long Beach Police Department background certificate.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Received or postmarked no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025, 5:00 PM.**

**Please Mail, Email or FAX COMPLETED Application and ALL supporting Documents**

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**All applicants who have met these requirements will be interviewed on Saturday, April 5, 2025, unless otherwise notified.**  
Representatives from the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association (LBYSKA) committee will conduct interviews and select participants.