

Academic High School Program
Student Report

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8/5	I was tired yesterday and fell asleep as soon as I got home. Last night, I met my host family for the first time and had sushi for dinner. I was surprised because I didn't expect sushi to be the first thing I ate when I came to America.
8/6	I went to Costco today. Although the structure was not much different from Japan, I was surprised to see shoppers riding in what looked like small vehicles. I also went for a walk with dog Charlie. Redbridge, where I live, is beautiful with lots of trees.
8/7	Today I went to the mobile company and tried to sign a contract, but I fainted and went home. I think it was because I couldn't sleep at all at night due to jet lag. The windmills on the way to the mobile company were very beautiful.
8/8	I played a card game called King and Corner with my host family. I didn't know about this game, but I was able to understand the explanation and have fun with it. Then, Sam gave me something that looked like a doll. I was happy.
8/9	I went to school for the first time today. I made some friends and we had lunch together. There were no lockers like I had imagined, and the school was a one-story building, but I thought it was a good school. I want to make more friends!
8/12	There was a Saturday concert at the plaza. A lot of people who live in Redbridge came and I thought it was an interesting event. The band that was performing the songs was also very good and I enjoyed it.
8/13	I went to San Francisco! We took a ferry. We went to the aquarium and saw many creatures such as jellyfish. It was fun when Steve saw an otter swimming and called it Swimming Charlie. It's a very beautiful aquarium and I'm glad I came.

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8, 14	During PE class, someone talked to me. There were three people there, and they were all kind and nice people. We get along well with each other, so I feel like we can become good friends. We ate together and talked a lot.
8, 18	There was a whole school assembly today, and it was completely different from Japan! The excitement was different from Japan, and the cheerleaders performed and there were mini-games, which made me laugh a lot!
8, 23	I watched a movie with my host family. Steve likes the movie Karate Kid, which is the movie that inspired Best Kid. The main character had a Japanese teacher, so I taught them the meaning of words that he spoke.
8, 24	It was club rush today. However, it seems that the Japanese culture club and art club that I wanted to join will not be active this year. I talked to my friends about what to join, and they invited me to the key club so I'm thinking of joining it.
8, 25	I played in the band at my school's football game. After all, it's fun to play with everyone, and I felt the excitement of everyone during the game, and I thought it was very American. I don't know the rules of football, but I enjoyed the atmosphere.
8, 27	I went to the mall with my friends. We had a milkshake and looked around at the accessories. It was funny to see a huge figurine of a strange panda. It was my first time hanging out with my friends, so it was a great experience.
8, 28	Today, after school, we had band practice for the football game. During practice from 5:00 to 8:00, everyone checked out our marching moves. It's a little difficult because I had never performed while moving when I was in Japan, but it's fun.