

## MNCC Japan Homestay Activity Report - Kellen Haug

While in Japan, I was able to learn a lot about their culture, school life, food, and just life there all around. It was cool seeing a mixture of the traditional life and advanced technology that they have over there. One of the biggest changes was the different foods that they had over there, many of which I had never seen or tried before. I made an effort to try everything I was offered, and most of it was delicious! I tried some sushi, some Udon, some Ramen, and many other new and exciting foods.

School life was fun; it was nice to see how kids my age in other countries went to school every day. I really enjoyed meeting all the people and I think they enjoyed meeting me! It was interesting to know that they have a lot of the same classes as I do in America. I also had a good time helping out the ALTs in the English classes.

One of my favorite parts was just seeing all the sights over there. I had never seen a volcano before, I had never seen such lush nature landscapes all around, and had never seen such an active harbor and pier. All of the scenery there was gorgeous, and I loved every minute of it. Sakurajima was very interesting to see, because it was my first visit to a live volcano. The smoke rippling off of it gave it an eerie and awesome nature. I loved all of the trees and natural landmarks that I really don't see a lot of where I live. It was just as beautiful as I had imagined.

It was very interesting to learn about all of the similarities that my life had with theirs. I always felt that people in other countries were like worlds away, but once I spent this time over there, I realized how similar they actually were! I had a wonderful time while in Japan, and it was a great and educational experience for me.