



**St. George
MARATHON**

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Japan and Me

- a middle school student's expectations.

The City of St. George and the St. George Marathon continues its student exchange experience with the Ibigawa Japan Marathon and Ibigawa's Middle Schools.

Now in its thirty-third year, the St. George Marathon selects 3 male and 3 female 9th grade students to be a part of its delegation to Ibigawa, Japan in November. Student delegates will be selected after a review of written essays submitted by interested students.

Essays will be used to discover each student's perspective of the following three points.

1. How an educational and cultural exchange experience with a Japanese host family and similar age students in Ibigawa, Japan might affect their life.
2. The possibility of sharing one's own culture and way of life with others.
3. The opportunity to appreciate a different society, customs and traditions.

The St. George Marathon covers 1/2 of the airfare cost for each student. Ground transportation in Japan is provided. Housing and meals are provided in Japan by a host family or by the City of Ibigawa. Students need to obtain a valid passport and provide their own spending and incidental monies. Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a permission slip for selected student delegates and provide evidence of medical insurance for the student. Students will be accompanied by an adult chaperone during the trip.

Tentative Itinerary:
Nov. 4—Leave for Ibigawa, Japan
Nov. 5—Arrive Ibigawa, Japan
Nov. 6 & 7—Visits to Ibigawa middle schools
Nov. 8—Ibigawa Marathon and host family
Nov. 9—Free day with host family
Nov. 10—Leave for United States
Nov. 10—Arrive St. George, Utah

Essays are due by August 28, 2009

Download instructions and cover sheet at:

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