

This year we are excited that 16 Japanese students and 2 teachers will be joining us at camp all the way from Tohoku Gakuin Jr. & Sr. High School in Sendai, Japan (a Christian School for boys). They look forward to experiencing camp, practicing their English, and learning more about our American culture. We will also have a unique opportunity to learn about Japanese culture through the week.

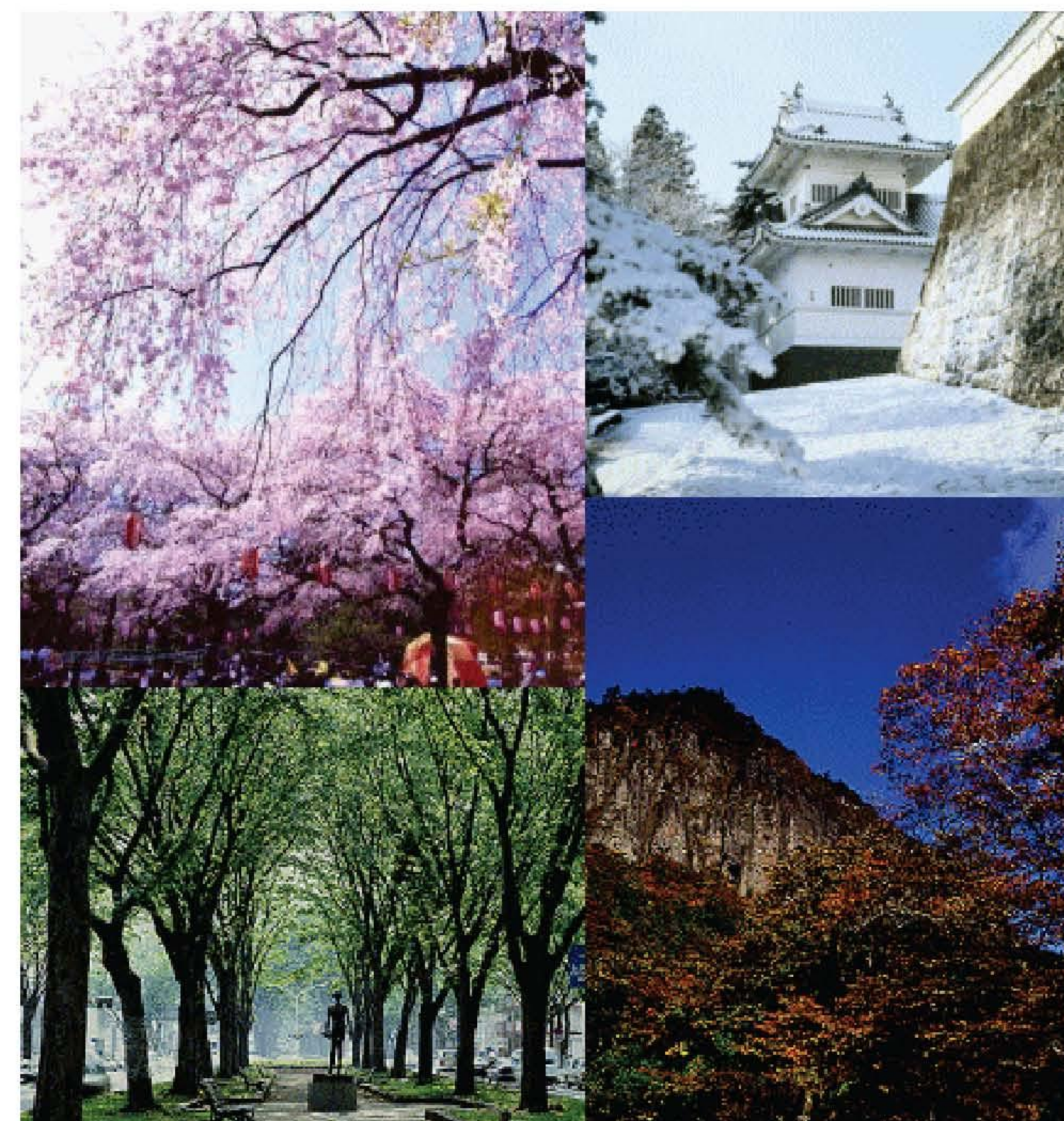


These students will be participating as Outer Limits campers. Gift giving is a large part of the Japanese culture and they will be bringing gifts to give their new American friends. You are not expected to give a gift to each student; however it is often a thoughtful gesture to give a small gift to your Japanese cabin mates or someone you become close to. A small souvenir from your school, home town, or a postcard is appropriate. Please do not spend a lot of money; it's really more about the thought that counts.

One evening during the week, the Japanese students perform Japanese songs, stories, and martial arts for us. They dress up for this special cultural night, and you may want to bring some nice clothes so you can do the same.



*Sendai is a city with a population of one million, and is the political and economic center of Japan's Tohoku (northeast) Region. Although Sendai is a large city, it is known throughout Japan as a modern city in harmony with nature. The city possesses beautiful scenery, such as the Hirose-gawa River that runs through central Sendai, and the lush zelkova trees that line its streets. Greenery is especially abundant in the center of the city, which has tree-lined streets and parks. As a result, Sendai is called the "City of Trees."*



*Sendai is located approximately 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Tokyo on the Pacific coast of Honshu (the largest of Japan's four major islands). Sendai lies in the center of the Tohoku (northeast) Region, one of the seven major regions in Japan.*