

Torrance Sister City Association

Kashiwa Japan Student Ambassador Host Family Information



Visiting Kashiwa high-school aged students are eager to experience American everyday life and build lasting connections with two Torrance host families during their 2.5 week visit from August 3-20, 2026. For many, this is their first time visiting the United States.

TSCA schedules daytime activities, some night activities, and an excursion to San Diego. Each host family has some evenings and one weekend to plan local family activities with their visiting guest.

Host Sessions:

Session 1 (Mon. Aug. 3 – Tues. Aug. 11, 2026) – 2 host spots available

Session 2 (Thurs. Aug. 13 – Thurs. Aug. 20, 2026) – 6 host spots available

Host Family Commitment & Info:

- Private bedroom for student in a clean home with a friendly & welcoming family
- Serve daily breakfast & some dinners (if there aren't TSCA nighttime activities scheduled)
- Wed. July 15 @ TBD – Host Family Orientation Meeting (both host families)
- Mon. Aug. 3 @ TBD - Attend Welcome Reception (both host families)
- Wed. Aug. 19 @ TBD - Attend Sayonara Banquet (both host families; TSCA covers host parent's dinner, \$70 value)
- Session 1 hosts: At least one parent must greet Kashiwa student at Torrance City Hall on Monday, August 3 – time TBD. (They will be bussed from LAX to City Hall with Torrance student delegates.)
- Session 2 hosts: At least one parent must drop off Kashiwa student at LAX for departure on Thursday, August 20 (time TBD).
- Drop off & pick up student at Torrance City Hall (weekdays ~ 7:45am drop off and ~4:30pm/5pm pick up). Final schedule provided during host family orientation meeting on July 15.
- Plan and host one weekend of local family activities with student (ex: tour South Bay beach cities, Santa Monica Pier, favorite family restaurant, In-n-Out, at home BBQ, shopping at Del Amo Mall)

- (Optional) Attend day tours or evening activities with Kashiwa student (ex: beach day, farmers market, pool party, pickleball, tall ship cruise, Dodgers game, chili cookoff & square dance, concerts/performances. Note: some activities like Disneyland, Dodgers game, Hollywood Bowl would require cost for host to attend, but transportation on private Torrance City bus is included.)
- Only parents are allowed to drive Kashiwa student to and from pick-up/drop off location. Torrance students are not allowed to drive Kashiwa students.
- One adult must be present whenever Kashiwa student is at the host's home.
- All adults in household over age 18 are required to undergo fingerprinting and background check. Felony declaration (stating no one has ever been convicted of a felony) must be signed. Successful home visit/inspection to be completed.

For questions or inquiries, please contact TSCA Host Family Committee at tscahostfamily@gmail.com

