



Expectations & Community Involvement

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- Local Community
- Prefectural/Regional/JET Community
- Things to Remember



Local Community

- Neighborhood
- Food
- Participate in a Japanese hobby.
- School & Community events





Prefectural/Regional/JET Community

- Festivals - Through the JET Community or Prefecture international office, you will learn about festivals in cities and towns that you can join in. Go to as many as you can! They are a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet new people.
- English Camps - Volunteer to teach at English camps hosted by other cities. Camps are good chance to teach with new teachers, learn new games, get to know kids in a less formal setting, and make new friends!
- AJET and Interest Groups – These offer opportunities to network with fellow JETs in your prefecture and throughout Japan. These are also a great way to connect with other JETs who are traveling, taking trips, or who might be interested in hosting you if you visit their town.



Things to Remember



- You get out what you put in. Being involved with the community will deepen your experience.
- People want you to be involved and show an interest in things/activities that are important to them. Even though they might not invite you, they want you to come.
- Making yourself available to the community will open doors to experiences to which you might never have had access.
- Think twice before saying 'no'; you could be turning down an adventure you will remember for the rest of your life.
- Frequenting local businesses is a great way to connect to the community. Showing the community that you are open to learning (and making mistakes) will make them more likely to open themselves to learning from you; this goes for children and adults.