

# 2027 – Asahi University & Gifu Shogyo Green Band

## Home-Stay Program

*Host an exchange student from the  
Asahi University & Gifu Shogyo Green Band*



The Asahi University and Gifu Shogyo High School from Gifu, Japan is planning to send 149 band performers. Among them will be 77 high school students, 38 university students, and 34 graduate students. Their schedule includes performances in Pasadena at Bandfest on December 30 and the Rose Parade on January 1. These students will perform at Disneyland on December 29.

The highlight of the band's tour in the U.S. is a homestay with local families. We are looking for families willing to share their home life with two or more high school students for two or three nights, with band students starting Dec. 30, and drum line and cheer

students beginning after the Parade on Jan. 1, and all students following the concert on Jan. 2. Host families will be paid \$25 per student per night to compensate for expenses you may incur.

The home stay experience reaches a climax on January 2 with a special concert for the families. This is where the students are able to thank and say emotional goodbyes to their hosts through an unforgettable musical performance. The friendships forged from this brief interaction can last for many years into the future. We hope you will consider joining us for a special time by hosting students in your home.

The Green Band Association has been sponsoring bands from Japan to perform in international venues since 2006, including the Rose Parade in 16 of the past 19 years. Each time a band comes to perform, they also arrange for a concert to be held at a local performance arts center, and invite attendees to donate to a worthy charitable cause. Over the years, they have donated thousands of dollars to recipients including victims of wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters.

## Green Band Festival

The Green Band Festival is the culminating event of the host family program, and is of vital importance for the students to have their host families in the audience, so host families should plan to attend. Free tickets to the concert will be provided to host families and limited numbers of other invited guests.

**If you would be interested in hosting students, please complete the form on the reverse side and return it to Emiko Christensen at [emiko@green-band.org](mailto:emiko@green-band.org).**

### Tentative Schedule

#### December 30



Meet at La Quinta Inn & Suites in La Palma to greet and take H.S. band students home; cheer team and drum line students stay at hotel 5:00 pm/5:30 pm/6:00 pm

#### December 31

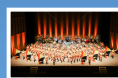
Drop off students at La Quinta Inn & Suites in La Palma by 7:30 PM



#### January 1

Pick up students at La Quinta Inn & Suites (estimate: 2:00-3:00 pm). Drum line and cheer team meet host families. Phone tree contact will advise families when students will be ready.

#### January 2



Drop off students at Kennedy High School for practice by 12:00 noon. Doors open for the Green Band Festival Concert at 4:30, concert begins at 5:00 pm. Attendance for Host Families and Invited VIP Guests Only. Overnight homestay after the concert.

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*The schedule is tentative and subject to change. More details will be provided at a ZOOM orientation meeting to be scheduled in early December.*