Teacher Education
Study Trip to Japan

Tentatively April 28 to May 7, 2011*

- Visit a Japanese elementary school
  - observing Japanese teaching methods
  - teaching American children’s games/songs/crafts
- Home stay some nights with a Japanese family
- Stay other nights in a typical Japanese inn
- Undertake a 1-semester hour independent study project while in Japan, to be completed upon return to MTSU
- Sightsee in Naruto, Japan, and experience life in Kamikatsu, a Japanese mountain village
  - spend the day at Kamikatsu Elementary School
  - go on a nature walk in the mountains
  - visit local sights/industries
- Spend a day at Naruto University of Education with Japanese and American teacher education students

Two MTSU teacher education students (interdisciplinary studies undergraduate students in the elementary or special education licensure programs) will be selected who are:

- Interested in studying Japanese schools and educational methods
- Willing to work with other American teacher education students in teaching American games and songs to Japanese children
- Ready to undertake an independent study project about the trip

The MTSU-Naruto Friendship Project is a joint educational project of MTSU, Naruto University of Education and the University of Puget Sound.

Cost to MTSU students:  Approximately $700 per student

(Total expense per person is @ $1,700, @ 2/3 of which will be subsidized by travel scholarships as follows: Naruto University will contribute $500 per student. Students will cover the remaining $700 - @ 1/3 of the expense for their trip)

Application forms are available online or stop by:
Elementary Education Department  Jones Hall 200
Educational Leadership Department  Jones Hall 303

Application Deadline:  February 16, 2011

Submit to Dr Donald Snead  303 Jones Hall
Questions? Call or visit the MTSU professors who will also be on the trip:
Dr. Kathy Burriss, Jones Hall 200  898-2323
Dr. Donald Snead, Jones Hall 303  898-5755

These dates are tentatively at this point. Please check for updates near end of Fall Semester (2010)

Reminder: You must have a passport by March 15 to participate! Please apply early for your passport - allow 6 weeks for the passport application process.