



Fort Bragg Visits Otsuchi

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Athena Anderson, 11th
Grade

Sofia Twomey, 11th Grade

Alani Yanez, 10th Grade

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What was the biggest cultural **differences** you found in the life of being in Otsuchi?

People are far more respectful of others in Japan. Between kids and the elderly there is a strict level of respect amongst everyone and that makes all the difference in society. |

What was the biggest cultural **similarity** you found in the life of being in Otsuchi?

Their community came together for activities and even for our small group, in Fort Bragg we have similar events.

What did you learn from this experience?

I learned some new phrases in Japanese, what actually happened in the tsunami, and the daily life of the people in Otsuchi.

Why would you recommend this program to other students?

Its an incredible experience. If you're passionate about about other cultures or learning what life is like outside the US it's an amazing experience.



















Clay Anderson

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Some of the biggest cultural difference was a bigger accountability to take care of your own business such as cleaning up your trash, your school, or your own mental state. Another difference was in there meals were many courses, and all much smaller than an American meal.

Still used car in rural areas as the means of transportation, And they still liked to shop.

I learned that I like to meet people from different places and also that I enjoy traveling.

Yes, I found it to be enlightening, this will be an experience that I remember for my whole life.















Athena Anderson

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School. It was more strict, but also seeing all the difference was one of my favorite parts.

The food, there were many differences, but many many unexpected similarities.

Even though at first language may seem like a huge restriction, my family and I communicated just fine and we really bonded

I would recommend the program because it was an fantastic, unique experience that got me out of my comfort zone, and an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life.

















Sofia Twomey

What was the biggest cultural **differences** you found in the life of being in Otsuchi?

The biggest cultural different was the food, I loved trying all the new food that I have never had before!!

What was the biggest cultural **similarity** you found in the life of being in Otsuchi?

The closeness and friendliness that town members share is very similar to Fort Bragg

What did you learn from this experience?

This experience taught me many things. I learned how Japanese people live on a daily basis, I learned how important family and friends are in Japan, I also learned how to properly meditate, and how the school system works

Why would you recommend this program to other students?

I would recommend this program because it's amazing to get to learn about different cultures, foods and traditions. You get an experience that no vacation could fulfill because you get to literally be a part of a family for a short time and see how it differs from your life. You also make amazing friends that will last a lifetime!













Alani Yanez

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Taking off shoes was very important but what I also noticed was taking off your shoes in restaurants.

Everyone is very hard working and gives back to the community.

I learned that there is a lot of respect for elders.

I would recommend this program to other students because it was an amazing experience, trying new foods and seeing the schools.















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Mireya Garcia

What was the biggest cultural **differences** you found in the life of being in Otsuchi?

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Why would you recommend this program to other students?

The discipline and responsibility of the students was remarkable. They were all so impressive. And I also noticed that gender roles were more prominent.

Just like Fort Bragg, people came together to participate in festivals and community gatherings.

I learned that no matter where in the world you go there will be great people. I gained a new perspective of another beautiful culture and learned about one family's everyday life.

I would recommend this program to other student because I really felt a connection to the people in Otsuchi. Leaving was so hard, not only because of the beautiful location but because of the incredible people that I was lucky enough to interact with.













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