



## Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana

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### Volunteers needed for Japan-America Grassroots Summit

In 1841, John Manjiro Nakahama, a fisherman shipwrecked near the island of Shikoku, was rescued and befriended by Captain William Whitfield and taken to America. Educated in Boston, Manjiro eventually returned to Japan and became a key figure in early U.S.-Japan relations. For more information, visit: <http://www.manjiro.or.jp/eng/index.html>

The Japan-America Grassroots Summit ("Summit"), an annual exchange between the people of Japan and the United States, will be held in San Diego from September 23-29, 2014. Approximately 150 participants from Japan are expected.

The Summit is administered by the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange (CIE). The Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana ("JSSDT") will coordinate home stays and local cultural activities during the Summit and is seeking volunteers to assist with the following:

- Host Family for Three Nights                      Thursday 9/25 – Saturday 9/27
  - Recruitment of Host Families
- Opening Ceremony                                      Tuesday 9/23 @ Petco Park
- Optional Tours    Wednesday, 9/24
- Dinner Escorts    Wednesday 9/24
- Local Sessions/ Theme Sessions                      Thursday 9/25 & Friday 9/26
- Closing ceremony    Sunday 9/28 @ Balboa Park
  
- Information Desk at Hotels                              Daily, Flexible Hours
- Administrative and logistical support                Daily, Flexible Hours

If you are interested in volunteering, please read the attached brochure and itinerary, complete the application form, and send it to the JSSDT office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you very much for your consideration of help.

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