

Q&A Session for 2020 Departing JETs

Consulate-General of Japan in Denver & JET Alumni Association of the Rocky Mountains
Saturday, November 7th, 2020 | 10:00 AM - 2:15 PM | 1225 17th St, Denver, CO 80202

Presented on Zoom - Comment, Ask Questions

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10:00 – 10:10	Greetings & Introduction MC: Alissa Berdahl, Recruitment Coordinator Kim McMillen, President of JETAARM	
10:10 – 10:40	Starting JET, Ice Breaker Activity Jamboard link	(Caroline Anderson)
10:40 – 11:00	JTE Relationships & Your Schools	(Alissa Berdahl)
11:00 – 11:30	Language Teaching in Japan	(Kim McMillen)
11:30 – 11:50	Break	
11:50 – 12:10	Culture Shock and JET Resources	(Caroline Anderson)
12:10 - 12:30	Rural and Urban JET life, Living Well	(David LaCharite)
12:30 - 1:00	Teaching on JET during COVID-19	(Mary Kate Branigan)
1:00 – 2:00	Open Topic Breakout Rooms	

Alissa	Teaching in kindergarten/elementary school, driving/owning a car, being successful in rural areas, teaching at multiple schools, leadership opportunities, pursuing hobbies in Japan, work etiquette, student loans/budgeting while on JET, games that work at all levels, womens' experiences in Japan, mental health in Japan
Kim	TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages from basic to advanced, classroom management, student/teacher relationships, professional level), high school teaching, rural living, intercultural communication, responsibility as cultural ambassador, Japanese language learning, culture shock
Caroline	Teaching in kindergarten/elementary school/junior high, teaching at multiple schools, small to mid-sized city living, JTE relationships, work etiquette/navigating professionalism in Japan/ALT's status, communication (using ~N3 level Japanese with teachers who don't speak English), AJET & BOE leadership positions, budgeting in Japan/finance, dealing with culture shock, eating & preparing school lunch, online shopping, MVNOs/cheaper cell phone contracts, dealing with hot summers & cold winters, drinking culture, womens' experiences
Teri	Teaching elementary/junior high school, tips for travelling, being a woman in Japan, work etiquette, budgeting in Japan, being involved in the community, learning Japanese, JLPT procedures in Japan, preparing to move to Japan, talking with your predecessor, games and getting/keeping students engaged
David	rural life, small island life, AJET Peer Support Group, mental health resources available to JETs, teaching at



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	multiple schools, teaching kindergarteners, teaching elementary, teaching junior high, teaching at tiny schools, things to ask your predecessor, driving in Japan, getting involved in the community outside of work, outdoors in Japan, Shochu
Mary Kate	Teaching elementary and junior high school, mid to small city life, teaching in both small and large schools (100-800+) students, teaching at multiple schools, teaching and living in Japan during COVID, speaking Japanese with teachers (especially elementary school teachers), using public transportation in the city and countryside, travelling within Japan, eikaiwa, creating supplemental activities to engage students in English classes using the textbooks, budgeting in Japan, moving to and from Japan

1:30 - 2:00

Final Q&A

2:00 - 2:15

Closing Remarks



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