



Sister City Celebration

40th Anniversary of Homer-Teshio Relationship




Sister Cities International

- Sister Cities International was created in 1956
- Its mission is to “promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time.”
- It serves a number of functions, including:
 - Encouraging exchanges of art and culture
 - Promoting trade and development
 - Providing educational opportunities for youth, particularly for studying abroad
 - Creating a forum for conversation and recognition



Homer and Teshio

- ▶ March 28, 1983: Sister City relationship established by Reso. 83-13, with unanimous approval from the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and Sister City ad hoc committee
 - ▶ April 17, 1984: The Mayors of Homer and Teshio sign the Oath to Establish a Sistership Affiliation
 - ▶ August 9, 2010: Ord. 10-35 appropriates \$9,900 for the 25th anniversary celebration
 - ▶ August 8, 2016: Reso. 16-080 reconfirms the Sister City relationship
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Sister City Delegations: Teshio to Homer

- Jun. 1985
- Dec. 1986 (Youth)
- Aug. 1988
- Jul./Aug. 1990
- Jul./Aug. 1991
- Sept. 1991
- Jul./Aug. 1992
- Jul./Aug. 1993
- Aug. 1994 (Youth and adults)
- Aug. 1999
- Aug. 2005
- Oct. 2007
- Aug. 2010
- Summer 2016



Sister City Delegations: Homer to Teshio

- Apr. 1984
 - 1986
 - 1993
 - Apr. 1998
 - Oct. 2007
 - Summer 2016
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Exchange Students

➤ To Teshio

- 1986: Julie Jones
- 1990: Dana Mortimer
- 1991: Charlie Anderson
- 1993-94: Bobbie Moore
- 1998-99: Meriam Olson-Deutschle
- 2005-06: Rachel Tussey

➤ To Homer

- 1989-90: Yoko Sudo
- 1992-93: Yuka Tamura
- 1997-98: Sachiko Kasai
- 2002-03: Kayo Toyota
- 2004-05: Nami Sato



Japanese International Exchange: Projects since 2021

- ▶ Japanese class at West Homer and Paul Banks
- ▶ Online classes in Japanese and English
- ▶ Pen pal exchange
- ▶ Sakura band performed a spring concert with the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club
- ▶ Japanese tea party with handmade yunomi cups
- ▶ Friendship banners
- ▶ Online forum facilitated by the Japanese consulate in Anchorage
- ▶ Now creating cardboard taiko drums with Japanese drumsticks for performance in 2024



Sister City 40th Anniversary Celebrations in 2024

- ▶ Exhibit of items from the City's art collection at the Pratt Museum (July – September)
- ▶ Exhibit catalog for museum show
- ▶ Taiko drum performances and drum making workshop from Tomodachi Daiko, who visited Homer from Anchorage. (May)
- ▶ Taiko drum performances by the Japanese Club
- ▶ Refurbishing the Sister City post, formerly displayed in WKFL Park
- ▶ Decorative banners along the Pioneer Avenue that can be used annually. (July – September)