The Livingston Sister City program is comprised of a group of volunteers committed to the ongoing relationship with our Sister City, Naganohara, Japan.

One of the ways we accomplish this is by an annual shared homestay experience with teenage students from both cities.



Montana students meeting Japanese students for the first time, Naganohara, Japan, July 2012

The Sister City Committee, a 100% volunteer group, is dedicated to improving the community of Livingston through our Sister City relationship with Naganohara, Japan. The value of this program to the participants and the community is numerous including cultural, Economic, and educational benefits.

Additional information about the Livingston exchange program, our Sister City, Naganohara, Japan, and other web sites of interest can be found at the following links.

On Facebook: SisterCity Livingston

Email: <u>livingstonsistercity@gmail.com</u>

Livingston Sister Cities Organization http://livingstonsistercities.org/

City of Livingston http://www.livingstonmontana.org/

Naganohara Town
~ Japanese version ~
http://www.town.naganohara.gunma.jp/

Montana Taiko ~ Japanese Style Drumming in Bozeman Montana On Facebook: Montana Taiko Drum Community

The Livingston Sister City Board meets at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of each month, except December, at the Park County Library.

Meetings are open to all interested parties.

Send an email to livingstonsistercity@gmail.com for notices

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Livingston, Montana & Naganohara, Japan began their Sister City relationship on October 28, 1991.

Both cities are members of Sister Cities International



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International
Connect globally.
Thrive locally

Mission

Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, & cooperation — one individual, one community at a time.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. We strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

http://sistercities.org/

Exchange students and their families work various fundraisers to pay for travel, homestay expenses in Livingston, and set aside a portion of funds for other cultural exchange programs and expenses. We fundraise as a group so that all students selected can participate regardless of income.

Livingston, in southwestern Montana, is the county seat of Park County. The Yellowstone River runs on the east edge of Livingston with the Absaroka-Beartooth and Gallatin mountain ranges surrounding it; the Crazy Mountain range is visible to the North. Yellowstone National Park is 60 miles South. The elevation is 4,501 ft (1,372 m). Estimated population of 7,400. The downtown buildings from the 1880s and 90s stand as a testimony of the old west and give Livingston its special turn-of-the-century charm. Livingston is historically known as the gateway to Yellowstone National Park.

Naganohara is located in the northwestern portion of Gunma Prefecture, right in the center of Japan, about 155 miles from Tokyo. Almost all of the town

has an elevation higher than 500m (1640 ft.) with Mount Shirane to the north and Mount Asama, with Asama Volcano Museum, to the south. The town has an estimated population of 5,600. The Agatsuma River runs through the middle of the town and is scheduled to be dammed. The residents have all relocated to higher ground above the Agatsuma Gorge in preparation for the Yanba Dam.

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