

• **WHAT IS TWINNING?**

The modern concept of town twinning, conceived after the Second World War in 1947, was intended to foster friendship and understanding between different cultures and between former foes as an act of peace and reconciliation and to encourage trade and tourism

• **WHAT IS A SISTER CITY?**

The Sister Cities program is designed as means for cultural exchange. A community decides to join with a community in another nation to learn more about one another. The relationship is usually a broad-based, officially approved, long-term partnership between communities. Generally sister city partnerships share similar demographics and town size. Partnerships may arise from business connections, travel, and similar industries or shared history.

• **WHERE IS NUMATA, JAPAN?**



Numata is located on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. It is approximately 250k north of Sapporo. To get to Numata you must fly to Japan, generally Tokyo (Narita or Haneda Airports) and then fly to Sapporo. Numata arranges to meet the Port Hardy delegation in Sapporo and transport them to Numata.

• **WHAT IS A HOMESTAY?**

The goal of a homestay is for the participant to be immersed in their host's culture. Each homestay experience is different. Some may have a traditional homestay experience such as sleeping on a tatami mat with a buckwheat pillow and eating traditional Japanese food during your whole time there. Other homestays may have a more western cultural experience. While in Numata you may participate in family activities as well as in the daily itinerary set up for the delegation

• **HOW CAN I HOST?**

Families can host youth or adults. The visit lasts 3-7 days. Youth visiting Port Hardy are of both sexes and range in age from 13 -17 years. If you have youth in your home near the age/sex of the visitors coming that is the best hosting opportunity. *A visitor in your home needs their own bedroom.* Each day's activities and transportation is arranged and provided by the Society with host family participation as able. (2016 itinerary on other side)

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The two communities generally send delegations in alternate years. The schedule currently is even numbered years, Numata visits Port Hardy and in odd numbered years, Port Hardy sends a delegation to Numata.

• **WHO CAN GO TO NUMATA?**

The Society encourages participation by adults and youth who are mature, friendly, outgoing and open to new cultures and experiences. They must be prepared to act as ambassadors of both Canada and Port Hardy. In order for underage youth to go on the trip, one or more adults in the delegation will need to take on an official chaperone role. Parents are welcome to travel with their child. The number going in any one year is usually 8-10 in total. The total visit time is 10-12 days. The Society meets and works with the group frequently on language, customs, expectations and travel options.

Note: The visit to Numata is not affiliated with School District 85.

• **WHAT IS THE COST TO GO TO NUMATA**

The biggest expense is the return airfare which can range from \$1,000 to \$2,200 or more. Other expenses include gifts, spending money, other transportation, meals while travelling and hotels in Vancouver & Sapporo. A general estimate? \$2,200-\$3,000. Budget planning sheets are available.

• **WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFO?**

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Or call Leslie at 250-949-2315 evenings.

PORT HARDY TWINING SOCIETY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For more information call 250-949-2315

**SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR VISITORS TO PORT HARDY  
(SIMILAR BUSY SCHEDULE FOR THOSE WHO GO TO NUMATA!)**

Date	Time	Activity
<b>October 4 Tuesday</b>	2:30 -4:30	Meet at Airport - Welcome at Town Hall - Meet Homestay families
<b>October 5 Wednesday</b>	8:30 am - Noon	Homestay Family - bring to Municipal Hall - Fort Rupert Big House Tour, Coppermaker Gallery, Wagalus School
	Noon - 4:00	Storey's Beach - Hot dog lunch - Quatse Salmon Center Tour - Homestay pick up at Municipal Hall
	5:00 -7:30	Bowling & Pizza Dinner for Guests and Homestay Families
<b>October 6 Thursday</b>	8:30 -Noon	Homestay Family - bring to Municipal Hall - Visit to Avalon Jr Adventist Academy -
	12:00 – 5:00	Lunch at Karai Sushi - Visit to Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School - Refreshments at Cafe Guido - Firehall #1 Tour by PH Fire Dept.
	5:00	Homestay Family pick up at Municipal Hall Dinner/evening at home
<b>October 7 Friday</b>	8:30 am - 1:00	Homestay Family - bring to Municipal Hall- Visit to PHSS- A&W Lunch
	1 – 4	Shopping around town - Visit Port Hardy Museum and Library - Homestay Family pick up at Municipal Hall
	6 - 9:30	Farwell dinner-guests, homestay families, Twinning and Council
<b>October 8 Saturday</b>	10:30 - 12:45	Homestay Family - bring to Municipal Hall - Walking Tour & Photos - Torii Gate / PH Sign / Seagate Dock - Lunch at Market St Cafe
	1:00	Take to PH Airport - 2:00 Flight departs Port Hardy

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