



THE 2008 JAPAN BOWL®

It's Official - 2008 Japan Bowl to be Held March 21-22 in Washington DC

The 2008 National Japan Bowl® will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, 2008 at the J W Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue, just two blocks from the White House. So start getting ready for the best Japan Bowl ever. Almost 100% of the students who came to our 15th Anniversary Japan Bowl in April 2007 said they want to return. We've read all the student and teacher comments and are determined to make the 2008 Japan Bowl even more fun and exciting. Here's what you need to know:

Location: The J W Marriott Hotel at 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, a 4-star hotel, has just been completely renovated and is offering a special rate for Japan Bowl students, teachers, and family members — just \$159 a night per room. You can't beat that rate in Washington. And the room is tax free as long as you book through the Japan-America Society. The competition will be held in the hotel's Capitol Ballroom.

Date and Time: Registration will start at 4:30 on Friday afternoon, March 21, followed by dinner and the first round of competition. The competition resumes the next morning after breakfast. The National Championship Rounds will be held after Saturday's luncheon, followed by the Awards Ceremony. The Japan Bowl will conclude Saturday, March 22 by 5:00 pm.

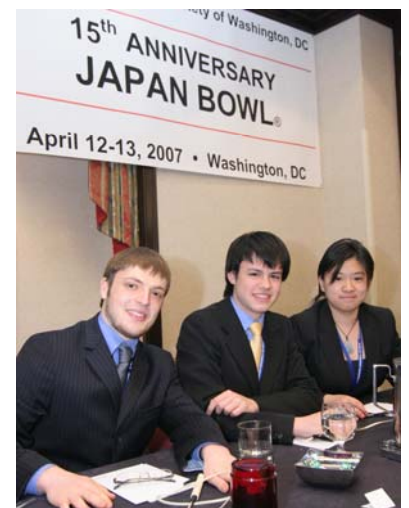
Other Activities: We are planning cultural activities for your time in Washington. Details will be announced later.

Competition Guide and Format: The Competition Guide will be posted on the Japan-America Society website in mid-November. The 2008 Japan Bowl will follow the new format introduced last year, with more attention given to speaking. There will be clearer guidelines about what students are expected to know, and some topics will rotate from year to year. So in 2008, for example, there will be no kotowaza (and no questions about poisonous snakes, either—at least not this year!) The Competition Guide will provide all information on the deadlines for team registration and hotel reservations. As usual, the winning Level IV team will be awarded a trip to Japan!

Start Planning Now

You will need to stay over in Washington on Friday night, March 21 and are welcome to stay an additional night if you would like. Rooms at the J W Marriott are \$159 a night, for up to four persons per room. We will again negotiate special air fares for your travel to Washington.

The application fee will be \$50 per team, plus a \$100 registration fee per student to help cover food, transportation, and other expenses during your time at the 2008 Japan Bowl.



(Above) The 2007 National Championship (Level IV) team from Stuyvesant High School, New York City.

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