

## Nippon Club of the Triangle Membership Registration and Renewal

Please fill in this registration form and submit to: [triangle\\_nippon\\_club@yahoo.com](mailto:triangle_nippon_club@yahoo.com) by E-Mail.

Or, by Postal Mail, addressed to : Nippon Club of the Triangle

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1. **Your Name** (*Last, Middle, First*):
2. **E-Mail Address** (*please write accurately since E-mails are used as the primary method of communication*):
3. **Family members' names, ages, and relationships to you:**
4. **Mailing Address** (*Street, Apartment Number, City, State, Zip*):
5. **Home Phone:**  
**Work Phone** (*if you prefer*):
6. **Affiliation:**
7. The followings are annual activities of the Nippon Club. If the activity sounds interesting to you, please write "Yes" inside the parenthesis ( ) after the paragraph.
  - a. **January -- New Year Celebration:** This is one of the most important celebrations in Japan. Participants gather to toast Taruzake, eat traditional New-Year cuisines, and join in ceremonial Mochitsuki. Nearly 100 people participated in the 2008 celebration. ( )
  - b. **May -- Children's Day:** Children and grown-ups of all ages participate in making and eating of mochi with variety of toppings. They enjoy pounding on mochi rice using a huge Kine (mallet), and with Kakegoe (shouting). 160 people, including 55 families, participated in 2008. ( )
  - c. **July -- Tanabata/Obon Festival:** 850 people participated in 2007, and enjoyed Bon-Odori (traditional Japanese folk dance), music show, Marshall Arts demonstration, Taiko performance, outdoor tea ceremony, and Japanese cuisines (yakisoba, yakitori, curry soup, grilled corn, green tea snow corn and more). Many people wear Yukata or Jinbei, which are traditional summer dress. ( )
  - d. **Fall -- International Festival of Raleigh:** This is an annual local event in Raleigh, and a great chance to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds. Nippon Club sets up a food booth and a cultural exhibit booth, and performs on stage at Raleigh Convention Center. ( )
  - e. **December -- Mochitsuki party:** Participants will enjoy the Year-End Mochitsuki party, making Mochi together and eating them with toppings and other traditional Japanese provincial cuisines that are usually not offered in Japanese restaurant. ( )

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8. You have an opportunity to join the following Fun Clubs that are open to Nippon Club members. If you are interested in joining, please write “Yes” inside the parenthesis ( ) after the paragraph. We will be contacting you.

- a. **Triangle Taiko Club:** Members practice traditional Japanese drumming and promote Japanese culture by performing at public and cultural events, and by visiting schools. It has around 30 members as of 15 May. Would you like to come and try? Please visit <http://www.triangletaiko.org> for more information. ( )
- b. **Triangle Cha-no-yu Club:** Members meet once a week to practice tea ceremony, and enjoy refreshing tea and delicious sweets. The members perform tea ceremony at cultural events and visit schools to promote Japanese culture. Please visit their website at: <http://blogs.yahoo.co.jp/trianglechanoyuclub> to view photos. ( )
- c. **Mochitsuki Club:** This will be a newly formed club. Members will meet 3~4 times annually and make mochi together by pounding steamed mochi rice with a Kine (mallet). We have four different sizes of Kine, so that children and adults of all ages, strength, and athletic ability can join and have a lot of fun making and eating Mochi. Members will learn timing, striking form, and team work, while having fun. ( )

9. Please give us your suggestions and ideas relevant to the club and the club activities.