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# Aoyama Gakuin University

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We spent time shadowing and helping teachers in the high school, middle school and elementary school classrooms, as well as guiding English conversations for the University students to practice speaking. We shared presentations about our lives in America as well as answering questions about life at Illinois Wesleyan. We also created our own conversation topics and games to give students variety.



Every week we participated in a Japanese chat session where we practiced speaking and vocabulary with a native Japanese speaker. It was difficult, but we learned a lot and it was great fun!



We met with our IWU friends who were also interning in Japan and spent the evening at an onsen. We were able to dress in yukata while playing traditional Japanese games.



Hedgehog cafe in Akihabara (the technology hub of Tokyo) which we visited on our free time over the weekend.



During English Club at the elementary school, we had the students play the games we created to help them practice English



We visited Kamakura on a weekend trip, and saw the Hasedera Temple and ate okonomiyaki (a savory pancake). It was great seeing the traditional art and architecture.



We created a Cultural Event where we shared our culture from the United States and Illinois Wesleyan University. We taught them the Cha Cha Slide and made baked goods! It was fun to get everyone dancing.