## Hello everyone!

As this is the first ever blog for our English website, let me introduce myself, and talk a little bit about what we will be doing here in the blog section of the schools website.

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Isaiah (イザヤ) and I am one of the current ALT (Assistant Language Teachers) here at SIT (Sapporo Intercultural and Technological High School). I am from the



United States of America, more specifically from Illinois, on the south side of the

Chicagoland area. I was a licensed elementary school teacher in the USA for 4 years before coming to Japan to teach as an ALT. I have a pet snake named Marshmallow (who's personality matches his name!) and I love to do outdoor activities like



hiking, hunting, target shooting, off road ATV riding, camping, fishing, canoeing, and other things like welding, DIY, auto repair and many other things. Even with all those things, also have my more nerdy side, where I like to play video games, cook, and read.

My job here at SIT is to not only help teach and bring cool ideas to the English classes here, but also to work closely with the JTEs (Japanese Teachers of English) here at SIT to make sure every students English education is fun and interactive!

Japan is the first time I have ever lived abroad, but I have been to Japan, Germany, Austria, and a few other countries before, either on vacation or to visit my international friends. There have been many crazy things that have happened since I got here five months ago. Because of that, I and other members of the staff and exchange student program here at SIT, wanted to come up with some way for us to share our experiences and thoughts with others who might come, so that our experiences (be them fun, sad, frustrating, or other) can help people understand a little bit more about life in Japan, and more specifically, life here in Sapporo & SIT!

In these blogs, we (members of the SIT staff and student body) will be posting little snippets of life here in Japan, What is going on at SIT, and other fun things, like maybe reviewing foods that we tried.

We hope you will enjoy reading our blogs in the future!