

D.C. Fete a Hit With the Kids
Children from Washington, D.C., Joint Territory share their impressions of
their first joint territory-wide general meeting.

- I graduated into the junior high school division today. I've been in Boys and Girls Group for five years. Boys and Girls helped me learn about society and the SGI with games and other fun stuff.

— *Eric Kunimoto, 10, Ellicott City, Md.*

- It was fun. The best parts were on the way up here, when they broke the wood in the karate demonstration, and everything else.

— *Willie White, 9, Charlotte, N.C.*

- It was fun and it was different. There were different things to do. I liked the Japanese dance and cutting out the shapes of our hands to put on the poster. I liked seeing all the different cultures here.

— *Maggie White, 10, Charlotte, N.C.*

- It was fun. It was cool seeing people from lots of different places. I liked the song with the masks and drums the best. The food was good, too.

— *Toshiko Ishikawa, 10, Hendersonville, N.C.*

- I really liked the meeting — it was great. The chanting was interesting. I'd like to learn some of it. It seems very complicated.

— *Eboni Thompson, 11, Silver Spring, Md. (guest of Diana Wells, 10)*

- This was nice. It was good. I liked the piñata the best. I got lots of candy.

— *Amanda Thompson, 9, Silver Spring, Md. (guest of Diana Wells, 10)*

- I liked it best when I broke the boards, but then my feet hurt. I liked doing gongyo with the other kids. I don't get to do gongyo with other kids very much.

— *Brandon Rodriguez, 3, Richmond, Va. (participated in the karate demonstration)*

- I liked it when that girl said sometimes your parents make you chant but one day you'll thank them. That happens to me, believe me!

— *Linda Morris, 7, Wheaton, Md.*