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FAQ's

Why the Hosting Adventure?

Now more than ever, around the world, knowledge of language and culture is essential to successful careers and international understanding. By hosting, your family can experience European culture while building new friendships. These experiences that eliminate barriers are crucial to the education of our children.

How long is the Hosting Adventure?

The students will be here from June 28 - July 25th, 2019. If you have always wanted to host but have been reluctant to commit to 5 or 10 months for school-year programs, these shorter experiences offer a great opportunity.

Are there group activities?

No. In our humble opinion, it is better this way. It encourages students to concentrate on connecting and immersing themselves in family life and making American friends.

What if the host child works?

Many American teenagers work and may not be home all the time. With prior planning, your child may be able to take some time off. Otherwise you can make arrangements for someone else to be around-- another sibling, a friend, an adult. While some downtime is OK, students should not be left alone regularly.

Is a separate bedroom required?

No. A bedroom may be shared with the host brother or sister. (It's usually way more fun!) It is necessary, however, for the student to have a separate bed in a non-common area. (A room with a door.)

Must the host family speak Spanish?

Not at all! Because the students are here to improve their English through total immersion, English is the primary language to be used. All of our students study English in school and are excited to have the opportunity to put into practice what they have been studying since they were 3 years old.

May we take our student out of town?

Absolutely! Let your local coordinator know in case of emergency and have a blast!

What does hosting cost?

The family provides room and board. The student should be treated as a just another member of the family, participating in all of the responsibilities as well as the fun of family life. Each student comes with personal spending money to cover normal teenage activities-- movies, soda, gifts, tickets to a baseball game, ice cream, etc...



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What about medical insurance?

All students are covered by comprehensive medical insurance. If a medical problem arises, the expenses will be covered.

What if a problem arises?

Based on past experience, we are pleased to note that problems are rare. However, should one develop, the host family should contact the host family coordinator to discuss the situation which is often simply a cultural misunderstanding. If necessary, mediation and support will be provided and if needed, the student will be moved.

How do we apply?

Contact your local Host Family Coordinator or email us at host@servicesmk.com. Families will complete an application form, have an interview/visit at the home, and then from our Student Profiles List be able to pick which student would fit in best with their family. (We always ask for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd picks as often there is more than one host family choosing at the same time.)

What information will be provided?

You will receive the student's application, picture and a letter of introduction. You will also receive a host family guidebook with helpful information and ideas.

Who supervises the program?

Mary Kay Maas and her team of experienced Host Family Coordinators will be in contact with you to do a weekly check-in and are on call 24/7 through out the month to provide support as needed. Our goal is a meaningful, memorable, and rewarding experience for all.