

HOST A STUDENT FROM SPAIN !!



**For 28 days this
summer**

BENEFITS OF HOSTING:

- * Make lifelong, international friendships
- * Learn more about the world from the comfort of your own home
- * Contribute to the importance of international education
- * An excellent opportunity for the whole family to enjoy, learn and spend quality time together with a new friend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

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**Our mission is to create positive, enriching
and educational experiences for students and
host families while building
lasting international friendships!**

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

-Is an organization dedicated to linguistic and cultural experiences.

-Provides all necessary pre-trip paperwork and legal documents.

-Is available 24 hours a day for all family and student needs.

AMERICAN HOST FAMILIES

-Provide room & board and a welcoming family environment

-Introduce the student to the American culture and speak in English to help them improve their level of conversational skills

-Share their interests with the student and include them in their daily family life.

FRIENDS FROM SPAIN

-Are well prepared and eager for this experience

-Become an active member of the family, make friends and integrate into the community and culture.

-Come with insurance coverage as well as all legal documents and own spending money

YOUTH PROGRAM

-Host a student from Spain age 12 -17 similar to your childrens' ages (Ideal for families with children 10-17 years of age)

-Become international siblings and lifelong friends

-Become active family members, participating in your family's daily routine, whatever it may be!

-Can sign up & pay fees to participate in the same summer opportunities as their host siblings.

ADULT PROGRAM

-Host an adult Group Leader or university student from Spain

-Ideal for American teachers, retired couples and families with college aged children or children under 10 years of age.

-Host Family receives up to an hour of Spanish language instruction each day

-Friend from Spain can participate in local volunteer work

Why become an International Friendship Host Family?

By opening your hearts & home to this amazing International Friendship & Learning experience, you will gain a new perspective on life, while making special memories for all. Hosting an International Friendship student is a great way to learn more about the world from the comfort of your own home. Hosting is an enriching learning experience for everyone and results in international friendships that last a lifetime!

What are the advantages of hosting an International Friendship Student from Spain?

Being a host family is a wonderful experience. It's a great way to learn about another culture and language from the comfort of your own home. Past host families have found that the experience unites them even more as a family. Being a host family is a great experience for young children to look at the world from a new perspective. Host families contribute to the understanding and appreciation of foreign cultures. The students and families establish life-long friendships which can be kept special throughout the years, on both sides of the ocean, and through the generations. Hosting gives you the opportunity to teach and honor tolerance, acceptance, generosity, and hospitality to a child of another country *and* to your own children. Host Families receive a Certificate of Appreciation & Volunteer Hours for host siblings wanting to include this in their school file resume.

How long do we host?

28 days / 4 weeks. (*Shorter and longer host family opportunities are sometimes available*). If you have always wanted to host but have been reluctant to commit for an entire school year, this shorter experience may be a great opportunity for your family.

Are the students prepared for the trip away from home?

The students are carefully selected based on strong personal references, personal preparedness, English level, disposition, and capability of being excellent International Friendship ambassadors. They partake in pre-trip meetings and classes before arriving with their Group Leaders. They come fully prepared for their International Family Immersion Experience. They know that they are expected to be an active member of the family, helping with household chores and participating in daily family activities. They have comprehensive travel, medical, and liability insurance, along with all necessary legal documents.

What if the host child works?

Many American teenagers work and may not be home all the time. You can make arrangements for someone else to be around— another sibling, a friend, a family member. While some downtime is OK, students should not be left alone regularly, as it leads to being homesick.

What does hosting cost?

Hosting costs only room and board. The student is treated as a member of the family, participating in daily family life and routines. Each student comes with personal spending money to cover normal teenage activities, such as gifts, movies, phone calls, ice cream shops... Host families are expected to provide a clean living environment, proper nourishment and friendship to their new member! Following U.S. Department of State regulations, host families are not paid, but the international friendship & learning experience is priceless.

What are the students' goals?

The students hope to be an active member of their host family's daily routine, whatever it may be! They look forward to being appreciative & helpful guests while *improving their English, learning more about the American culture and creating life-long international friendships.*

What if we don't have a spare bedroom?

The student can share a bedroom with one of his/her American siblings of the same gender and similar age. They will only need to have their own bed and space for their belongings.

What information will be provided?

Once you have been accepted as an International Friendship host family, a coordinator will help in deciding your family's student match. Next, you will receive your student's personal & contact information, the group's local arrival & departure information, student insurance information, and all necessary legal documents. You will also receive a Host Family Guidebook with helpful information and ideas. You can contact your International Friendship Host Family Coordinator with any questions at anytime.

Who supervises the program?

The International Friendship group leaders and host family coordinators will be in touch with all families and students during their stay in the U.S. They are available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week to help in any way possible during the international friendship & learning experience.

Thank you for your time, care and kindness in helping make these beautiful international friendships & experiences possible by considering hosting & sharing this opportunity with others!

How do we apply?

First, give us a call or send us an email. We will happily go over any questions you may have! Next, you will be sent the International Friendship Host Family Application, Personal References & Background Check.

Upon processing your application, your local International Friendship Host Family Coordinator will set up a Home Visit to meet your family in person and go over the International Friendship information in more detail.

Finally, you will receive your new friend from Spain's information so that you can start being in touch before his/her arrival!

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PLEASE share our International Host Family opportunity with your circle of family, friends, colleagues, school, youth group, church, boy/girl scout troop, sport league, neighborhood newsletter...

¡Muchas gracias!

THANK YOU!