Homestay Host Responsibilities

Program: Mishima Senior High School

Dates: July 31 – August 2, 2015

Stipend amount per participant: $100.00 per participant hosted

The homestay should be a meaningful and rewarding experience for the international participants and their hosts. Please read this document, share it with others in your household, sign and return it. Remember to make a copy for yourself.

HOMESTAY HOSTS AGREE TO

• Provide opportunities for sightseeing in the area and cultural activities in the community.
• Establish a rapport with the participant(s) at the outset; remember that the intent of the homestay is for the participant(s) to experience, as much as possible, life with an American family during their stay rather than simply being boarders.
• Offer the participant(s) opportunities for a variety of optional activities (for example: cultural, social, or education events; organizational meetings) to keep them engaged in American culture.
• Be willing to explain and discuss American culture, customs, and habits as the need arises.
• Always speak English (for example, with family members) when the participant(s) is/are present.
• Meet with the participant(s) frequently for feedback on reactions and concerns.
• Contact TIEC if there are any questions, concerns, or issues to be addressed.
• Follow all local procedures in an emergency (call 911 and contact TIEC immediately).

IN ADDITION, HOMESTAY HOSTS AGREE TO

• Meals:
  Provide dinner on Friday, July 31; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, August 1; breakfast and lunch on Sunday, August 2. Host family pays for all meals.

• Activities:
  Provide opportunities for sightseeing and cultural activities in the community. Host family pays for any entrance/admission fees.
• Pick-up and Return:

Homestay begins on Friday afternoon, July 31, 2015 at 5:00pm and ends on Sunday afternoon, August 2, 2015. Students are to be picked up on Friday afternoon between 5:00pm and 6:00pm at the Texas International Education Consortium, 1103 W. 24th St. and dropped off mid-afternoon on Sunday, August 2 at the students’ dormitory, Dobie Center (2021 Guadalupe Street).

• Bedroom and bath:

If hosting 1 participant ........................................................... private bedroom and bath, or shared bedroom with a family member of the same gender and approximate age as long as there are two beds.

If hosting 2 participants of the same gender......................... shared bedroom and bath if two beds, or shared bedrooms with a family member of the same gender and approximate age as long as there are two beds.

If hosting 2 participants of different genders............................ separate private bedrooms and baths, or shared bedrooms with a family member of the same gender and approximate age as long as there are two beds.

• Direct access to bathroom facilities.

• A desk with appropriate lighting.

• A closet and drawer space.

Payment terms: TIEC will issue homestay host stipend after receipt of this signed form and the Homestay Host Evaluation Form.

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City/ State/Zip: ________________________________
Home Phone: ________________________________  Cell Phone: ________________________________
E-mail: ________________________________

TIEC assumes no responsibility for any misrepresentations or misstatements of fact, written or oral, by either the prospective hosts or participating students/exchange visitors. TIEC assumes no responsibility for any injuries, losses, damages, problems, or accidents that might occur during a homestay. TIEC is not responsible for negligence on the part of the host or student/exchange visitor pertaining to home or person when damage, injury, or death is the result.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she will fulfill the aforementioned responsibilities of a Homestay Host and that TIEC has offered a valuable service by providing the opportunity for his/her household to participate in this homestay program, in consideration whereof he/she releases and holds TIEC, its directors, employees, and agents harmless for any personal injury (including death), property damage, or other losses, actions, claims, demands or lawsuits, which may arise from or during his/her household’s participation in the program.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________
Please sign and return to: Mishima Program Administrator
Texas International Education Consortium
1103 West 24th Street
Austin, TX 78705

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