



Summer Host Family Agreement

The host family agrees to the following requirements, guidelines and expectations:

- All members of the host family agree to host one or more international students from _____ to _____.
- The host family agrees to go through the reference check process, as well as a home visit by the SPIRAL Site Coordinator before the final placement decision is made.
- A clean bedroom, with bed and linen must be provided. The room can be shared by the international students if there are sufficient beds and space allows. Or a student may share a room with a family member of similar age, and of the same gender.
- One or more members of the host family will greet the student at the local drop-off point when he/she first arrives and will bring him/her back to the local drop-off point on the day of departure.
- The host family will welcome the home-stay student into the family and treat him or her as a member of the family. The host family will involve the home-stay student in the family's recreational activities.
- The host family can expect the home-stay student to live by the family's rules. The host family will clearly explain the house rules and safety concerns from the first day (e.g. shower, faucets, appliances, equipment, security alarm, computer, etc.).
- The home-stay student will receive breakfast, lunch (probably a bag lunch on camp days), and dinner, preferably at least one hot meal a day. If the host family chooses to go out for dinner, they will invite or provide for the student's meal.
- The host family will provide/organize daily transportation for the home-stay student to and from camp or the camp drop off point. The host family will maintain a safe, fully functioning vehicle, with a current insurance policy.
- Host families should assist their student in obtaining medical attention in the case of illness or injury. Host families are NOT expected to pay for treatment since students will arrive with medical coverage. The Site Coordinator should be notified in the event of an emergency or any situation requiring a visit to a doctor or a clinic, and one of the Chinese teachers should be present for translation purposes.
- Neither the host family nor the home-stay student should loan money to one another.
- Home-stay students are not allowed to drive a vehicle.

- Home-stay students may not partake of tobacco or alcohol products, or illegal drugs of any kind. Any introduction to, offering of, or encouraging the use of said substances will result in removal from the SPIRAL home-stay program.
- The home-stay student is not authorized to operate or handle firearms or participate in any hunting or gun related activity. Host families who are in possession of firearms must keep them securely locked and out of sight.

SPIRAL International agrees to assure the following requirements:

- SPIRAL will organize a pre-arrival preparation session to help the host family know what to expect when the home-stay student arrives.
- SPIRAL will serve as the contact for the host family in case of emergency.
- SPIRAL will provide support for the host family if they need help with translation or cross-cultural communication with the student.
- SPIRAL will offer \$200/student as a stipend for the host family.

We agree to the requirements as well as the guidelines and expectations described in this document.

Head of household, on behalf of the family:

Signature: _____

Date: _____