



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT and get ready for a life-changing experience! This is a chance to share your story, your traditions and your customs while learning about others. When you open your home and heart to a YFU international exchange student, you'll develop a fresh perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. Apply online at yfuusa.org or call us to learn more. Our dedicated staff and volunteers will be there every step of the way.

TYPICAL YFU STUDENTS ARE

- from one of 70 countries
- proficient speakers in English
- eager to learn about your family
- medically insured and have their own spending money
- able to share a room with another host sibling
- sure to become an integral part of your family

YFU PROVIDES

- orientations and workshops throughout the exchange year
- local support volunteers
- 24-hour emergency support

ASK YFU ABOUT

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Boyang 16 Year Male from China

Student #: 2019-128-003-0047

"A friendly guy" is the way that 16-year-old Boyang from China, or Bob as he likes to be called, describes himself! His teachers and peers also use that term, as well as warm-hearted, active, humorous, helpful, studious, curious, and easy to get along with. Bob likes to volunteer and help foreign students with their Mandarin, or be a docent at the local museum. He loves to explore new places with his parents, and to discover new ideas with his teachers and peers. A very good student, Bob understands and writes English better than he speaks it, but a year of being surrounded by Americans should change that. He enjoys playing sports such as badminton, basketball, and table tennis for fun, though he would like to join his host school's basketball team. Bob lives a simple and quiet lifestyle. During the school year, he goes to school and meets with friends afterwards to play a sport, jump rope or maybe swim, go for a bike ride or see a movie. Then it's home for dinner, homework, and chatting with his parents. During summer and winter vacations, he and his family take a trip somewhere where they buy a souvenir to commemorate, such as a refrigerator magnet. Bob is grateful that you will welcome him into your home!

Phuvit 15 Year Male from Thailand

Student #: 2019-235-003-0035

Phuvit is a 15-year-old student from Thailand, who goes by the nickname of Earth! Sawasdee krub! (?Hello? in Thai language) He cannot wait to start a new chapter in his life by experiencing and making new relationships in America. He comes from a family of as the middle child between two other brothers, a mother as a nurse, and a father as an engineer. His humor will win you over as he will brag that his mother is the most beautiful woman in his family? as she is the only woman in the family. He hopes with his new family that they will experience a NBA basketball game together and travel to different parts of the US. In his leisure time, he can find ways to keep himself busy with his guitar, listening to music, working out at the gym, or various sports such as basketball, soccer, and boxing. He?s happy being outdoors and be part of adventurous activities. His teachers can expect Earth to make friends easily with his humor but what makes his relationships last are his positive viewpoints on people and his ability to forgive easily. And when things get tough for Earth, he will not give up. He?s known to work hard towards his goals and pick himself back up again when times get tough. Be the family that will help him produce jokes in English and provide him tales to bring back to Thailand. "I can't wait to see a new chapter in my life," says Earth! Arriving in August of 2019

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Kazane 18 Year Female from Japan

Student #: 2019-171-003-0075

Introducing Kazane, a 17-year-old girl from Japan! Kazane lives with her mother, father, an older brother, and her pet rabbit. She loves to dance, especially hip-hop. Kazane enjoys performing in front of others, and finds dance to be a way to express herself. She also enjoys watching action movies, camping, and playing badminton. With friends, Kazane can often be found at a karaoke room where they practice singing songs in English. Kazane is especially interested in Japanese history, and would like to share her knowledge of the Japanese culture with you. While in the USA, Kazane would like also to become a bridge between Japan and America, and therefore wants to improve her English skills to speak the language more fluently. She also hopes to participate in her host family's life as much as possible. Kazane can't wait to experience the American culture with you!

Nele 15 Year Female from Germany

Student #: 2019-149-003-0103

Have you ever watched a gymnast perform on a galloping horse? Gymnastics + galloping horses = vaulting! Nele, age 15 from Germany, has participated in vaulting for the past ten years and helps to train younger children in this sport as well. Self-described as sporty, humorous, open-minded, and friendly, Nele looks forward to trying new clubs and sports while on exchange. Hobbies for Nele include shopping, traveling, cooking and baking new recipes, watching movies, and photography. Nele enjoys time with her family playing board games and eating meals together. Nele also writes that she is a morning person on the weekends as well, and truly takes pleasure in getting up early, having breakfast, and then beginning the day. Having pets would be just fine for Nele, as she has a dog named Emma and is used to taking care of her. Are you ready to try a German breakfast and learn about some German traditions? Invite "vaulting" Nele into your home today!

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