Host-A-Boiler Program

A local family simply shares HOSPITALITY either during Thanksgiving or Winter Break

Help an international student far from home FEEL at home during the holidays
What am I signing up for?

To invite an international student for dinner

OR

To invite a student to a holiday celebration or community event

Provide transportation as needed
Expectations of Host

1) View this presentation
2) Complete online sign up
3) Receive your match by email
4) Contact student within 3-5 days
5) Host your student at agreed upon time and place
Communication is KEY!

- Discuss preferred way to communicate
- Communicate available dates and times
- Find a mutually agreeable time to meet
- Email/text reminder *day before and day of* meeting
- Communicate transportation pick up time and location
Conversations Topics

- Share where you’re from - home town or region
- Share pictures of families and places traveled
- Talk about holiday customs and traditions
- Share other upcoming holiday events of interest
Consider Cultural Differences

- Know your student’s dietary preferences
- Keep discussion on politics and religion “friendly”
- For events with cost involved, offer to pay for your student guest
What is NOT expected

- Giving advice outside your expertise – e.g., immigration, health, finances, etc.
- Overnight home stays
- Financial assistance
Step 2: Complete online sign up at end of this presentation

- Deadline for Thanksgiving sign up is Friday, November 13th
- Deadline for Winter Break sign up is Friday, December 11th
Step 3: You will be emailed your match and contact information
Step 4: Contact your student within 3-5 days of being matched
Step 5: Host your student at agreed upon time and place
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Please click on link below to create an account and complete online sign up:
https://www.ippu.purdue.edu/HostABoiler/HostABoilerSignUp

Thank you for your time and generosity!

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