YOUR INVITE TO HOST-A-BOILER 2022!

A HOLIDAY BREAK PROGRAM
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL COMMUNITY
LIVING IN GREATER LAFAYETTE
A one-time get-together sharing a meal or activity over holiday break

- Preferably in a local family’s home
- You the host will extend an invitation to a student/scholar you are paired with
- Choose a date and time to meet during an official holiday break
- Thanksgiving break: November 23 – 27 (typically Thanksgiving Day)
- Winter break: December 18 – Jan 2 (or any agreed upon day and time)
How much time is involved?

- Typically you can count on 3-4 hours
- Include dinner and maybe indoor/outdoor activities
- Include with your own family and friends (your preference)
- May invite on the actual holiday or a day close to it
All options are possible!

We have five children. Will we scare them away?

Can singles join? I’ll be with friends and neighbors.

What about retired couples? We’ll be going to our son’s house.

We have a neighborhood get-together. Bring them along?
“Can we take more than one student?”

It depends on you!

- Sign up for as many as you’d like.
- Some hosts take one student and that’s great!
- Some enjoy hosting married students with kids (especially if they have kids their ages)
- Some hosts request students from specific countries, language groups or majors
Communication is key to success!

- **Dietary needs:** Find out food preferences and dietary needs ahead of time.
- **Date and Time:** Most will need transportation. Communicate beforehand the pick up time and what time you can bring your guest home.
- **Pick up location:** Share addresses and location details.
- **Preferred communication:** Phone, text or email? Discuss and decide.
- **Reminders:** It’s a good idea to check in with your student about the event a few days before and the day of the event.
- **Simple gifts:** You may wish to give a small gift or leftovers to take home from the meal.
Thanksgiving... a time to be thankful!
“What should we talk about?”

- Holiday customs and traditions
- Your culture, places you have traveled, hobbies and interests
- Friends, family, special holiday traditions important to you both
- What to expect during the winter season in the U.S.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Comments from past hosts

- “Even though we had just met our student, it was as if we had known each other for a long time. “June” and my daughter enjoyed decorating our Christmas tree!”

- “This was one of the best experiences in our lives, one we will never forget. To see them experience something new like Thanksgiving was truly awesome. We are so thankful we were able to be part of these special moments in their lives.”

- “Thank you for this great opportunity to share our home for the holidays – eating a traditional turkey dinner, making Christmas cookies, singing karaoke, going to the park to see the Christmas lights. It was a jam packed day and a great experience for my family.”
Holidays are special times spent together with friends & family.
Comments from past students

- “I had a wonderful time with the whole family. The food was delicious and I got to learn a lot about the traditions and the culture. I also had a lot of fun playing board games.”

- “My host family was kind and willing to share what they have with others. I really appreciated their generosity.”

- “I had an amazing time getting to know a beautiful family in a private family gathering. It really helps to debunk stereotypes and misconceptions.

- **This was the best experience to happen to me the entire semester!”**

A student’s son, David, makes a new friend on a host’s farm!
Reminder of dates and links

Host sign up link:

- [https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/Apps/IPF/Hosts/HostLogin/](https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/Apps/IPF/Hosts/HostLogin/)

- November 15\textsuperscript{th}: Deadline for Thanksgiving sign up

- December 12\textsuperscript{th}: Deadline for Winter break sign up

- At sign up, you will register to attend a 20-minute Zoom orientation for info on the matching process, suggestions about food and sharing customs and traditions.
QUESTIONS?

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