



Be a Host Family

Konnichiwa! こんにちは。Gyroscorp America LLC is looking for families to host Japanese students, ages 14-18, for a two-week exchange program from **July 27-August 14, 2024**. ALEX is short for American Life Experience. Our ALEX students volunteer at local non-profit organizations (NPO) during their visit and engage in local tourism activities.

Who Makes a Great Host Family?

- Host Families may be single people or couples, with or without children.
- They must (1) be fluent English speakers, (2) pass a criminal background check, (3) provide proof of automobile insurance coverage, and (4) be excited to share their culture, customs, and traditions!

Accommodations & Meals:

- The Host Family will provide their student with a private bedroom, sheets, blankets, and towels.
- The student should be given a key to the home. The student should not be left alone in the house overnight.
- All food should be bought by the Host Family. Meals should be healthy, and appropriately portioned.
- Breakfast and lunch can be self-serve and prepared by the student. Dinner should be prepared by the Host Family; this should be a daily sit-down meal each evening.

Transportation & Schedule:

- The Host Family is responsible for providing their student with transportation throughout their stay.
- The Host Family will drop off their student at a central location in Monterey, Monday-Friday, for the student to volunteer at NPOs and participate in tourism activities. Drop is around 8 or 9am; pickup is around 4 or 5pm.
- Most evenings and weekends are open for students and host families to control their own schedule.
- Host families will be given a detailed schedule prior to students' arrival. Some key dates (*subject to change*) are:
 - 7/27 – Students arrival, pickup in Monterey
 - 7/29 – Opening Ceremony (host families and students)
 - 8/4 – Day with the A's game at Oakland Coliseum (full day field trip for students)
 - 8/9 – Student Presentations and Closing Ceremony (host families, students, and community members)
 - 8/12 – Group tour of Monterey Bay Aquarium (students)
 - 8/14 – Students departure, drop off in Monterey

Compensation: The Host Family will be given a \$300 stipend to help cover food and transportation costs.