

HOMESTAY GUIDELINES

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Welcome to The United States of America!!!



Congratulations on your decision to live with an American Host Family during your studies in the USA!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THESE GUIDELINES ENTIRELY UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.

Living with an American family might be a quite different experience and it may take a few days for you to adapt, but the daily practice of English combined with the daily exposure to the American culture as if you were part of the family is proven to be the most effective method to accelerate your learning and your comprehension of the language and the American life style.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ Many habits of American families are usually different from the students' original culture; therefore the students must be open-minded and try their best to adapt to the new culture as part of this "American living" experience. Dinner time for instance is typically between 5 and 6pm, but it can vary a little depending on the family.
- ❖ It is uncommon for American families to have Housekeepers, so every member of the household helps to keep the things organized and clean.
- ❖ Breakfast included in your stay is continental and self-served (milk, cereal, bread, juice, coffee, fruit), your hosts will show where you'll find all items so you can help yourself in the morning before school. The mother usually cooks dinner and you should always help with cleaning up after the meal, unless your hosts say it's not necessary.
- ❖ If you'd like to cook, just ask for permission and best time that you can use the kitchen avoiding cooking at inappropriate times.
- ❖ Each student is expected to keep his or her own room clean and tidy.
- ❖ Families that are part of the ANDRETTO SOLUTIONS' Network can be 100 % American or Multicultural, but always based in the US for over 20 years + and with English as the primary language in the household.
- ❖ The bathroom is usually shared, so please do not take more than 15 minutes in the shower and leave it always clean after using it.



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- ❖ Most of our Host Families Home's offers Wireless Internet, just ask your host for the network name and password.
- ❖ International calls using the house phone are only allowed if they are done using a calling card at no charge to the household. If you don't have a calling card, you may ask your host to help you to obtain one or you can get one online at <http://www.enjoyprepaid.com>, or you may ask for help making the call without the card saying "Could you please help me make a collect call? "
- ❖ If even after comprehending all the cultural differences mentioned above, **after 1 full week of stay**, the student is not comfortable in his or her assigned Homestay, please report **all reasons in details** to our office in writing to info@andrettosolutions.com and we'll investigate the situation right away and if we judge necessary, the student will be reassigned to a new family. We are always the contact for any issue or questions regarding your accommodation during your stay in the U.S and we will always take care of you.

Each Host family might have their own House Rules, but please always follow these Standard Rules:

1. Always lock the door for safety. Do not allow others to use your key.
2. Never invite friends to the house without permission from your Host family.
3. Always clean up after yourself. Do not leave a mess for later or for other people clean up after you.
4. No food in areas not approved by the host parents.
5. Keep the house clean to avoid ants and other bugs. Don't ever throw open food in trashcans!
6. Ask how to use the Washer and Dryer to do your own laundry and follow laundry rules for using the machine, soap, etc.
7. Always be respectful to all family members and their guests.
8. Conserve Water (San Diego faces a severe water shortage problem), Electricity, and Gas by limiting your usage. Limit your shower time; turn off lights and other devices like the TV.
9. Personal Hygiene for personal cleanliness is required.
10. Homework is your responsibility. Your family can help you with general types of questions about American Living.
11. If the family has a curfew in place, you may be required to follow it if you are under 18.
12. Do not expect your host to give you money to cover your personal expenses.
13. Do not use the host family telephone to make a toll or long distance phone calls.
14. Medical needs are a student's responsibility. Students are required to have medical insurance.
15. No overnight guests without the hosts' permission or romantic visitors are allowed in your Host family home.



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16. Student bedrooms are not good for visiting with other housemate. Use open areas.
17. A bedroom is for private use. Personal items and valuables should be locked up or put away for safety.
18. No smoking in the house. Your host may not allow it outside either. Please ASK.
19. Check with Host Family regarding quiet hours. People need to sleep and study.
20. Please remember that Host Families are not personal drivers, food servers, nor maids.
21. If your Host family is expecting you for dinner and you are not going to be there, please let them know at least 2 hours before dinner time.
22. Students are responsible for being safe and not acting silly causing harm to things and others. Host Families are NOT responsible for accidents or any harm or damage their student may cause.
23. **Students are held financially responsible for any damage they cause to the home or to the family.**
24. No drugs at all times, including anything else that is harmful or dangerous.
25. Clean up your bedroom before you move out. You want it to look like the way it did when you moved in.
26. Do not leave burning candles unattended in the house.
27. Do not take any money or items that do not belong to you from your Host Family home.
28. Be sure to be aware if small children are nearby not to watch a movie that is not appropriate for kids and please be mindful to the type of music (lyrics) you listen to when they are around.
29. **Please note that the drinking legal age in California is 21.**

***** Please note that students may be fined or expelled from the Homestay program if his or her Homestay House Rules are violated.**

For faster and more effective solutions, please contact us directly by sending an email to Info@andrettosolutions.com in case of any questions, concerns or issues related to your Homestay. We will get back to you in less than 24 hours.

We wish you and wonderful experience and a great time with your Host Family in San Diego!!!