

Host Family Expectations for Student (EXAMPLE)

Auburn University Internship Housing Initiative

Overview

This document should serve as an example of expectations that host families should draft for when starting the initial discussions regarding hosting with their respective students. This document is not inclusive of all scenarios/lifestyles so some changes will inevitably take place. However, this document does provide a solid framework for showcasing appropriate level of detail and types of information that should be communicated

BEGIN EXAMPLE

Our Typical Schedule

- We are usually up between 6:00 and 6:45 AM
- Breakfast and read the paper
- John leaves for work 3-4 days a week around 7:30 AM
- John is usually home around noon unless he has other meetings
- Dinner is usually served around 7:00 PM
- Watch television 8:30 PM – 10/11 PM
- Bedtime for us is usually around 10 – 11 PM
- We attend church every Sunday we are in town, departing the house at 8:00 AM
- Saturday mornings we walk to the farmer's market to get vegetables for the week
- We will go to our Maryland home some weekends and a few weeks over the summer. We hope to invite you to join us sometimes if your schedule permits.
- Every other Wednesday, Sue (Housekeeper) arrives around 8:00 AM. She dusts, vacuums, and cleans the bathrooms. She does not pick up clothes, do laundry, or anything else

Duties and Responsibilities

- We enjoy a neat and clean home and expect you to help in the meeting this objective. We don't have assigned chores but both chip in whenever something needs to be done. There is one exception: John is the cook. Laura is a pretty lazy/lousy cook.
- Make your bed every day before leaving
- Keep your bathroom clean as it is used by us also
- Do your own laundry. There will be plenty of supplies in the laundry room which you are welcome to use.
- Wash your sheets weekly.
- Help keep the kitchen clean: Leave it like you found it, or better. Dishes to the dishwasher, or washed, dried, and put away. We do not put pots/pans or good knives in the dishwasher.

- Refrigerator organized and clean with all food covered or wrapped
- Use a coaster when putting a glass on the furniture.

Duties and Responsibilities CONTINUED

- You are welcome to watch television with us in our TV room. After we go to bed however, we ask that you use the small television near your bedroom that we have set up for you

Guests

- You are welcome to have guests over when you are in town.
- You may entertain guests on the main floor of the house

Transportation

- We will provide you with a metro card that you will return when you leave
- You will be responsible for topping off the metro card as you use it. John will help you with how to use the metro
- We only have one car, so you should expect to make other arrangements for getting around. Red Top Cab Service Apps and Uber Apps work very well around D.C.

Alarm

- You will be given your own key and alarm code
- Always set the alarm to "Stay" at night when you come in.
- If you come in after we have gone to bed, the alarm will be set to "Away"
- You will need to disarm it and then reset to "Stay"

Meals

- We will make enough food for you to share dinner with us. You are neither expected or required to eat any meal with us but you will be invited
- There may be times that we invite you to go out to dinner with us. When we do, we will pay for your meal.
- We will provide food for you to make your own breakfast. Please let us know how you would like the pantry and refrigerator stocked
- We assume that you will be on your own for lunch and will either buy your own lunch out or buy whatever you want in order to make your own lunch. You are welcome to keep your lunch food in the pantry/refrigerator
- Laura has a severe tree nut allergy, we ask that you not obtain or store any tree nuts in our home during your stay

Internet, Telephone, and Cable

- We will provide you the access codes to our wireless network
- You may use the land line for all U.S. based calls. When we are out of town, you do not need to answer the land line as that phone also rings into our cell phone and our WV home land line

Code of Conduct

- No women are to be allowed into your bedroom at any time
- Alcohol:
 - We only consume alcohol around dinner and always in moderation. Generally, we have a cocktail before dinner and wine or beer with dinner. You are invited to participate with us when you join us for dinner (Baring that you are of legal age of consumption)
- When you have friends over, we have no objection of you entertaining them, at your own cost, so long as the entertainment is consistent with these norms and applicable laws related to drinking by minors. To take an extreme example to make the point, we don't expect you to host a drinking party in our home.
- No illegal drugs may be consumed or stored on our property

Special Rules for when are gone

- Set the alarm to "Away" when you leave
- Make sure doors are locked at all times, even when you are home. We have had break-ins and crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood
- Set out the garbage Tuesday night after 5:00 PM and take in the cans after they are emptied on Wednesday
- No visitors/friends/colleagues/etc. of any sort are to be allowed in the house at any time when we are gone

Things you should know about the dog, Kora

- Kora is generally a well-behaved dog
- Kora is very protective of her people. A good rule of thumb is not to walk behind John or Laura as she may attempt to herd you by giving you a cattledog nip
- Kora is neither a lap dog nor a golden retriever type dog. She doesn't like people coming at her expecting a warm reception
- Let Kora come to you and get used to you on her own time
- Kora loves her ball and her treats. You will make friends with Kora quickly through her ball and treats
- We do play with Kora's soft toys in the house but are always aware of the surroundings (walls, furniture, lamps, etc.) as she can be active and break things

General Notes

- We want this to be a positive experience for all parties. We believe it is important that all parties are transparent, truthful and candid in their conversations, ,that issues are raised when

they arise and are not allowed to fester, that each of us listens with an open mind, and that we jointly and openly discuss solutions to remedies

- Individual privacy shall be respected so long as expectations are met