



HOST A TEEN FROM SPAIN
**“Bring missions into your
own home”**

What is Young Life USA Camp?

- Young Life USA Camp is a 3½ week program offered to **a group of 15-25 teens** (15-18 years old) **from Spain** **accompanied by 2-3 adult leaders**. They will be living with a family for 2½ weeks and spend a week at Timberwolf (Young Life camp).
- The dates are **June 29 to July 26, 2020**
- Families will host one a teen from **June 29 to July 5** and from **July 11-26**.



- From **July 6-11** the students will attend Timberwolf YL camp as a group (In Michigan)

What are the requirements in order to be a host family?

In order of priority:

- To guarantee that the **mother or father will be at home** during the day with the student in order to provide him/her with the best experience
- To have **a teenager living in the home** so they can relate to one another and build a friendship – **not required, but highly recommended**
- To **live relatively close to the rest of the host families** so transportation and weekly group activities will be easier to coordinate
- To be willing to **“adopt” the student as a part of the family** and keep developing this relationship during the year



Why is this an opportunity for my family?

- This program is an **opportunity for “the mission field to come to your own home.”** We see this program as an opportunity for Christians in America to open their homes to a teen from a foreign culture, so they might experience first-hand the amazing, unconditional love of Christ.



What are the host family responsibilities?

- **Food and housing-** Provide good food, a comfortable home, and bed
- **Transportation-** Families will need to provide transportation to a meeting point for activities and are welcome to stay and participate in all activities. Carpooling can be arranged with other hosts families
- **Laundry**
- **Good care and a loving atmosphere:** We would like you to involve the student in your normal family life while you also integrate this new important guest into your home and family.
- **Communication with home-** Provide the possibility to use the internet to communicate with their family



What will the program be like during the student's stay?

- **Welcome Party** upon their arrival from the airport at the designated location.
- **Organized activities** for the entire group will be offered 1-2 times per week for teens and host families' teens
 - Possible organized activities: Sports game, Community Service Project, water park, sports, tourism, shopping, downtown visit, etc.
- Inclusion of Spanish teenager in host family's normal summer activities. The idea of being "adopted" for the 2½ weeks.
- Intentionally engaging your student in **conversations to practice English**
- **Farewell party** with students, leaders, and families during the last week



What are the expenses involved?

- We ask the host families to cover all the costs related with having a student in their home for 2 ½ weeks. **Basically food and housing.**
- **All the activities organized as a group will be covered by each student** (Activities, program, fast food restaurant, amusement park, etc.)
- If you do a family activity (going to a restaurant, the movies, etc.) with your student, the family would please cover it.
- Please understand that you **don't have to “entertain” your student providing several activities during the week.** The ideal situation would be that the student be a part of normal family life.



Is there going to be any training?

- Families are required to attend a training/orientation session. This session will help participating host families to understand some of the cultural differences between Catalunya, Spain and the United States. Learning how to relate to teens from a different background and culture is of vital importance for the success of the YL USA Camp program.
- **This training session will be held in May in the Wheaton area.** Our resident volunteer coordinator will offer host families this session discussing cross-cultural experiences. In this session, the group of host families will brainstorm a list of activities to do with the students. Part of this session will be communicating via internet with Jonathan Banegas in Spain



- We might require a **second training session** for those host families that are **hosting by the first time.**

When will I need to make a final decision to be a host family?

- **FEBRUARY 25TH, 2020**





***We are looking forward to seeing
how God will change lives this
summer!***

**Thank you for your willingness to
consider serving!**