

YMCA Outbound Programs (Global Teens/Go Global)

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS TO HELP SELECT HOST FAMILIES (to host Global Teens participants/Go Global Volunteers)

By “accepting” a host family to host a Global Teens/Go Global participant, the host YMCA/NGO is accepting responsibly to ensure the effective screening and research has been conducted to ensure the safety, health and well being of participants who would be placed there, as well as the family’s ability to provide a positive and impactful cultural experience for participants.

Host YMCAs are asked to take measures to refrain from placement of participants with families that are be racially or culturally biased, or families who may have ulterior motives for hosting young people or volunteers. We understand that risk cannot be completed averted, but due diligence on the part of the host YMCA must be conducted as the International YMCA relies fully on our partners to ensure the appropriate screening of potential host families.

This sheet should be kept on file and a copy sent to the International YMCA for each host family that is screened and/or approved.

Host families should also have strong ties to the host YMCA, and ideally have children/teens who participate in other YMCA programs offered by the host site. This sheet is meant as a guide to start with, which can be added to as needed by host YMCAs/NGOs.

PROSPECTIVE HOST FAMILY CONTACT:

DATE:

NAMES, AGES, GENDER OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS (residing in house of residence):

Full Legal Name:

Age:

Gender:

1)

2)

3)

4)

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

PROVINCE:

POSTAL CODE:

COUNTRY:

TELEPHONE NUMBER (if applicable):

MOBILE NUMBER(S) (if applicable):

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) (if applicable):

How would the YMCA contact this family in case of an emergency?

What legal checks/research have been conducted on this family to ensure the safety of participants/volunteers?

What is the family's relationship to the host YMCA?

QUESTION	ANSWERS	Coordinator's notes
<p>PERSONAL IMPRESSION OF FAMILY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Why do they want to host a teen/participant?</p> <p>Do you feel uncomfortable relating to any particular race, religion or country ?</p>		
<p>HOSTING EXPERIENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you hosted in this type of a program before? How often?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How many people at a time?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Why did you host on those occasions?</p>		
<p>HOSTING BENEFITS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What impact did your visitor's have in your life?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What do you hope to teach a participant who is placed with you?</p> <p>Do you feel you have an impact on how visitors will view America by meeting with you?</p>		
<p>FAMILY INFORMATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How many family members are there in your family? (see list above)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are there family members of a similar age to the participant? (at least one similar age/gender teen/young adult is desirable)</p>		
<p>INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What languages are spoken by family members?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you ever lived, traveled abroad?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you know others who live abroad? Where?</p>		
<p>KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CULTURES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you know anything about the prospective participant's culture?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How will you handle situations of difficult or miss-understood cultural communication?</p>		
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What local transportation is available to and from your home?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are you able to assist with the participant's transportation to a group meeting site?</p>		

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> Where will the participant sleep? <input type="checkbox"/> Will you be able to manage special diet requirements if the participant has any? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have any plans for participating in special activities while the visitor is with you?		
DRINKING & SMOKING <input type="checkbox"/> The YMCA does not condone drinking or smoking by anyone 18 years of age or younger. Participants are instructed not to drink or smoke during their trip. Will you be able to adequately enforce this? <input type="checkbox"/> It is expected that all Teens & Volunteers abide by the laws of the host country and the U.S. do you have any trouble ensuring that this occurs? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you drink regularly? Wine or beer with meals?		
HOST REQUIREMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> What information do you need before meeting your international visitor? <input type="checkbox"/> How can the host YMCA/International YMCA best assist you in preparing for your visitor's arrival? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there specific trainings/tools that we can provide you with?		
<input type="checkbox"/> What is your impression of the security of the neighborhood in which the family lives? <input type="checkbox"/> Is public transportation readily available?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there any concerns you have about any members of the family/the ability of the family to safely & successfully host a participant?		
<input type="checkbox"/> What other concerns (if any) do you have?		
ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFO/SHEETS AS NEEDED		

Please check one option below:

- I validate this family to host a (CIRCLE ONE) **Global Teens Participant** **Go Global Volunteer**
- This family will require an additional visit/interview before we can place a participant with them. Follow-up conducted: _____
- I do not approve this family to host a YMCA Go Global/Global Teens participant

Printed Name of Visit/Interview Conductor: _____

Position with the YMCA: _____

Date interview/visit conducted: _____

Signature of Conductor: _____