



Host Family Pre-Arrival Orientation Objectives & Orientation Acknowledgement

AFS and You

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Describe the support structure of AFS;
- Become familiar with the contents of the *Host Family Handbook*.

Culture Learning

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Explore the concept of culture;
- Differentiate between a cultural generalization and a cultural stereotype;
- Identify one or more characteristics of U.S. culture;
- Identify one or more ways in which their culture may differ from their participant's culture and the potential impact of such differences on their hosting experience;
- State the importance of culture learning in a successful AFS experience.

Cultural Adjustment and Coping

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Describe the cultural adjustment cycle;
- Identify one or more challenges that they and their hosted participant may face during the first days/weeks of the experience;
- State one or more strategies for supporting their hosted participant and other family members as they build relationships within the host family, school, and community.

All AFS Orientations are also designed to build the AFS Community and celebrate achievements of attendees to date.

I acknowledge having participated in an orientation prior to the arrival of my participant, during which I received information on the above topics.

Print name/s-

Signature/s

Date

Hosted participant's name
