



# Tips for Participants in Welcome Families

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## Gifts

If you brought gifts from home it would be nice to share something small with your welcome family; save other presents for your permanent family

## School

While your host family will change, your school will most likely remain the same, so get to know your teachers, classmates and join an after-school activity or sports team. Even if you do change schools, these will be relationships that you may continue after the move and spending time interacting with others will help improve your English language skills.

## Unpacking

Unpack your suitcase unless you are specifically told not to. You may be with your welcome family for several weeks.

## Finding a Permanent Family

AFS volunteers will find you a permanent family, but you can participate in the process: talk with lots of people in your school and community. If you meet people who seem interested in hosting you, share that information with your AFS volunteers.

## Your Welcome Family

Enjoy your welcome family! Living with two families during your time in the US is a great opportunity. It allows you to experience more than one way of living in the US and if you create bonds with your welcome family, they will remain your friends long after you've moved to your permanent host family.