

# HOST FAMILY INFORMATION



To be given to each host family prior to the Choir's arrival.

**THANK YOU** for hosting our children and chaperones. It is your generosity that allows us to provide education for these children and hundreds of their friends back home. We trust being a host family will be a memorable and rewarding experience for you.



## ACTIVITY IDEAS

There are many ways you can have fun with the children during their stay with you. Here are just a few ideas:

Swimming  
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Going to a park - soccer, playground.  
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Reading to them.  
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Doing arts & crafts.  
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Teaching them something new.  
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Showing them something unique in your area.  
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Allowing the children to serve in a small way.



## MEALS

The children would greatly appreciate a snack after an evening concert.

When serving meals, please start with small portions as the children are required to clean their plates. They are allowed seconds.

If providing a bag lunch, our children are not used to sandwiches and may prefer an alternative. Please speak with your chaperone about other possible options you may have.

Please check with your chaperone to see if they or the children have any allergies.



## GIFTS

Welcoming us into your home is the best gift you can give. If you would like to make an extra donation, we have a "wish list" of general needs.

Please do not give gifts to individual children as we want to be fair and are limited on space. Let children gather experiences rather than things.

You are welcome to give a photo(s) of your time together with the children.

Please do not give the children your full name or address.



## GUIDELINES

As stewards of the children during their time abroad, we make every effort to keep them healthy, safe and to maintain their African culture. We appreciate your respect of the following guidelines:

Please do not expose them to anything with a screen (computers, TV, video games, etc.) or anything that has wheels or requires balance (bikes, roller skates, trampolines, etc.)

To support their dental care, please no candy, chocolate or soda.

Though we reserve their concert music for the stage performances, you might enjoy joining them in a worship song before bedtime.

Feel free to ask them about Africa in general, but please refrain from asking about their personal stories.

The children love hugs, but no kisses please.

Please be sensitive that the children may have a legitimate fear of animals. Please introduce them to your animals slowly.



## SCHEDULE

Due to the nature of tour life, staying on schedule is very important. Thank you for helping us by adhering to the following:

### 7:30 pm | Shower Time

Please show them the towels, facecloth, soap & shampoo they can use, and how to turn on the water.

Please give them their privacy and allow them to shower independently.

### 8:00 pm | Bed Time

Please leave a light on to the bathroom

Children with a history of bed wetting will have pull-ups, but we recommend you cover your mattress (large trash bags work well).

### Morning Routine

The children need 1 hour & 15 minutes to get ready.

PLEASE NOTE: The chaperone may have their day off during their time with you. Special arrangements for this are not required but may be offered (staying at your home to rest, being dropped off at the mall or movie etc.).

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**Please note:** This schedule may need to be adjusted by our staff at the Host Family meeting. We thank you for your flexibility!

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Arrival at the church</b>	2:30 pm
	<b>Church to provide HOT DINNER</b>	5:00 pm
	<b>Concert</b>	7:00 pm
	<b>Host Family Meeting</b>	30 minutes after concert
	<b>Take children/chaperones home</b>	After Host Family Meeting
	<b>Provide SNACK and sleeping arrangements</b>	

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Provide BREAKFAST</b>	
	<b>Drop off at church with a SACK LUNCH</b>	9:45 am
	<b>Pick up time</b>	5:00 pm
	<b>Provide DINNER and sleeping arrangements</b>	

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Provide BREAKFAST</b>	
	<b>Drop off at church with a SACK LUNCH and all their belongings</b>	8:45 am

**Departure time will be announced pending travel distance to next concert location.**

**It is imperative that the Choir departs as scheduled to arrive at their next concert site on time.**

We operate on a tight schedule and your attention to time will assist the children in having a calm and comfortable transition from one place to the next.

Please check carefully that the children have all their belongings when they leave, particularly with Bibles, Sunday clothes, shoes and travel clothes with their names on them, as these items are hard to replace.

**Church Housing Coordinator Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

If a child requires medical attention or any other need arises while in your care, please contact the Tour Leader (360-393-2593) or one of the chaperones.