

HOMESTAY

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The Homestay Program provides International and American teams an opportunity to experience other cultures and to make new friends around the world. International teams in good standing participating in World Finals may apply for a Homestay. They will stay in homes of American families associated with Odyssey of the Mind.

- International Odyssey teams that will be competing at World Finals are eligible to apply for a Homestay.
- International Association Directors or country representatives should notify the Homestay Coordinator in early fall giving an estimated number of teams who may be requesting a Homestay after World Finals and the state in which they would like to have the Homestay.
- There is no guarantee that a Homestay can be arranged. Availability depends on the number and location of American teams volunteering to host a Homestay.
- Homestays generally last 3-5 days after World Finals. This year the World Finals Awards Ceremony will be Saturday night, May 30; therefore, Homestays will occur in the first week of June. Specific arrangements are made between the International and American coaches and must be agreed to by both.
- The Homestay host provides lodging, meals, and some planned activities. International teams are expected to pay for their personal expenses for things such as, meals out, entrance fees, shopping, and any special outings or amusement parks. Homestay activity details and plans are joint efforts between the American and International coaches.
- Please note that the majority of Homestays are NOT near World Finals. International teams are responsible for making travel arrangements to and from their Homestay location. It may be possible to book your flight home from your Homestay location.
- Teams should book their own travel arrangements. Remember, your Homestay families are not travel agents and cannot be expected to make travel arrangements nor book tickets on their credit cards for International teams.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR HOMESTAY in 2009 IS APRIL 18. *NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE.*

To apply for a Homestay or for additional information contact:
Tom Scott, Homestay Coordinator at OdysseyHomestay@gmail.com

Information concerning the Homestay Program is on the Odyssey of the Mind web site.
www.odysseyofthemind.com