



The Northwest Russian team in their homestay in Melbourne, FL

"The memories that were created, the ambassadorship that both teams experienced, could not have been better. We've formed lasting friendships, that will forever impact our lives in an extraordinarily positive way."

Beatrice Showman, Melbourne, FL

HOMESTAY

INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN/U.S. TEAM HOSTS

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 the homes of American families associated with Odyssey of the Mind.

- All American teams participating in Odyssey of the Mind may host international teams. American teams DO NOT have to come to World Finals to be Homestay Hosts.
- Homestays generally last 3-5 days after World Finals. This year World Finals 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.
- The Homestay host provides lodging, meals, and some planned activities. International teams are expected to pay for their cost for entertainment, meals out, special events, and shopping.
- Transportation cost and arrangements to and from the site of the Homestay city is the responsibility of the International team. Once the International team has arrived, the host families will need to provide local transportation.

"Yes, we'd definitely do this again. 100% yes. I found myself yelling "wake up" in Polish to my own children this morning just out of habit." Mike & Jojo Fitch, Duncansville, PA

If you are interested in participating in the Homestay Program and would like more information, contact Tom Scott, Homestay Coordinator and get on board early!!!

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