

QUESTIONS FOR “FIRST NIGHT” WITH HOST FAMILY

1. What do I call you? “Mom”, “Dad”, or given (first) name?
2. What am I expected to do daily other than:
 - a. Make my bed
 - b. Keep my room tidy
 - c. Clean the bathroom up after I use it?
3. What is the procedure about dirty clothes? Where do I keep them until wash day?
4. Should I wash my own underclothes?
5. What is the procedure if I need to iron my clothes?
6. May I use the iron, washing machine, sewing machine, etc.?
7. Where can I keep my bathroom accessories?
8. When is the most convenient time for me to use the bathroom on weekday mornings?
9. When is the best time for me to shower or bathe?
10. When are mealtimes?
11. Do I have a regular job at meal times? Set, clear, wash, dry the dishes; the garbage?
12. May I help myself to food and drinks (non-alcoholic) at any time or must I ask first?
13. What areas are strictly private e.g. your study, bedroom, pantry, etc.?
14. May I put posters and pictures in my room? On the wall? How do you want things hung?
15. What are your feelings about my drinking alcohol if offered by you?
16. What time must I get up weekday mornings?
17. What time should I get up weekends and holidays?
18. What time must I go to bed weekdays? Weekends?
19. What time must I be in on school nights if I go out? (Exceptions by special arrangement).
20. What time must I be in on weekends if I go out?
21. What dates are the birthdays of family members?
22. May I have friends stay overnight?
23. What are your rules on entertaining friends in my room?

24. Can I invite friends over during the day? After school? When no one else is home?
25. What are the rules about phone calls? Local?, Long Distance?, Overseas? How and when may I pay for calls I make? How do you want me to keep track of my pay telephone calls?
26. What are the rules about access to the Internet and e-mail (if there is a computer in the house)? Are there time limits or time periods that use is permitted or prohibited?
27. May my friends call me? What times are not good?
28. What is the procedure about posting mail?
29. Do any of you have any pet dislikes? e.g.. chewing gum, music types, being late, wearing curlers or a hat at the table, being interrupted while reading, etc.
30. How do I get around our community? bus, bicycle, be driven, riding with friends, etc.
31. What about transportation to the mall or movies?
32. May I play the stereo or TV?
33. May I use kitchen appliances? Microwave? Dishwasher? Stove?
34. What are your expectations about going to church?
35. May I smoke? Where? (Rotary discourages smoking in general and forbids smoking in bedrooms)
36. If I have something bugging me, how do you want me to handle it?
 - a. Write a note explaining it
 - b. Ask for a heart to heart discussion
 - c. Tell my counselor
 - d. Keep it to myself and live with it
37. How often can I go out during the week?
38. Who pays for “family event” expenses? me? you? (movies, sports events, concerts/shows)
39. Can I use the shampoo and tooth paste or buy my own?
40. What do I do about school lunch? Buy? Bring from home?
41. Are there any eating habits or foods I need to discuss? I don't like _____.

In general, ask about those things you feel are most important the first night, and then other over the next few nights. Try to always keep an open and honest line of communication with your Host Family and Rotary counselors.