

HOST FAMILIES DUTIES

The function of being a host family is to provide a "host" for every official person attending the USA/IBC.

Please read before you commit to being a host family. We thank you in advance for taking on this his special commitment.

We know that this makes the USA IBC different from every other IBC.

Responsibilities include:

- Greet your guest on June 8 or June 9 at the Belhaven Campus, depending on their arrival to Jackson. Staying in daily contact to see if guests need anything.
- Making your visitor feel welcomed and at ease during their stay in Jackson.
- Provide encouragement during competition; whether in cards, flowers, and/or going to performances.
- Help to make Jackson their "home away from home".
- Assisting in "departure" transportation to airport.
- Provide transportation for visitors to get what they need around Jackson, i.e, mall, drugstore, grocery store, etc.
- If hosting a dancer, check with them every round to see if they continue. If not, moral encouragement will be a plus.

Host Families should confirm with the IBC Transportation Committee that they will take their guest to the airport for departure. Airport transportation for departing guests is greatly appreciated, though not required.

Some Suggestions for Host Families:

- Invite your visitor with you and/or family to lunch, dinner.
- Offer to take your visitor shopping with his/her coach.
- Attend performances if hosting a dancer. Everyone performs better when they know someone is there to watch them.
- Drop off cookies, fruit, protein bars, flowers, cards, etc. at dorm to keep them going.
- Phone in, Drop by to see if they need anything
- Keep checking with flight status to make sure nothing has changed.
- If hosting jury members and/or faculty, offer to take them to dinner or bring them out shopping.

**** Again, if you know you will be out of town,
or cannot fully commit to this special job, please refrain from signing up.
We would tremendously appreciate your help in many other avenues. ****