

Activities to Do with International Friends

IN YOUR HOME

- * Ask them to come for dinner or to spend the weekend
- * Teach them to cook traditional American foods
- * Open your kitchen to them to cook their specialties
- * Include the students in family events such as a holiday or a reunion
- * Share photo albums, videos or slides of the family (don't overdo it). Ask to see photos of their family
- * Take them to a US American wedding, shower, graduation, funeral, etc.
- * Celebrate holidays with them and research what they do in their country on such holidays
- * Celebrate special holidays for their country
- * Trim a Christmas tree, decorate Christmas cookies, make special day/event cards
- * Color Easter eggs
- * Invite them for your child's birthday, school program, scout activities, etc.
- * Ask the student to share about their country in your child's class, or at a club meeting of yours

ARTS

- * Museums, conservatories, art galleries
- * Theater, opera, ballet, movies
- * Public/community cultural events
- * Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops, Riverbend concerts
- * Local community concerts on the green/lawn

HOBBIES

- * Model railroad
- * Collections: stamps, coins, dolls
- * Photography
- * Gardening
- * Baking
- * Sewing, quilting, knitting

CARING

- * Take photos of student and send them to their family
- * Drive them to the local ethnic store
- * Help them find clothing, cooking utensils, cars, and other goods necessary for everyday living
- * Help them plan a budget
- * Take them to the local bank to open an account
- * Share their problems – be a listening ear
- * Invite them to church, but don't be forceful or insist – just invite them to be observers and to participate as they are comfortable.
- * Interpret US American customs
- * Conversational skills and writing – proofread their papers if they ask

AROUND TOWN

- * Tours of government buildings
- * Ride the Streetcar
- * Fountain Square, Carew Tower, Riverfront, Purple People Bridge
- * Cincinnati Zoo
- * Findlay Market and/or other farmers' markets
- * Local ethnic festivals
- * Public library
- * Taste of Cincinnati

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

- * College or high school events
- * Skating, sledding, cross country or downhill skiing
- * Badminton, ping pong, volleyball, baseball, basketball, football, soccer
- * Boating, fishing, biking (Loveland Bike Trail)
- * Cincinnati Reds or Bengals or Cyclones game
- * Indoor rock climbing
- * Horseback riding
- * Putt-Putt golf
- * Folk, square, country line or contra-dancing

OUTDOORS

- * Camping
- * Bike and walking paths
- * City, county, state parks, public gardens
- * Pick fruit or pumpkins
- * Picnic, BBQ
- * County / state fairs
- * Visit a farm – Amish Country
- * Garage sales and auctions
- * Yard games, build a snowman, or fort
- * Cut and trim a Christmas tree
- * Fourth of July fireworks

IF YOU ARE A UC STUDENT...

- * Take them on a tour of campus if they have just arrived
- * Help them find resources such as computer labs, printing stores, etc.
- * Decorate their dorm door for their birthday and have cake for them to share with their friends
- * Go to a campus concert
- * Help them find the sports facilities

DAY TRIPS

- * Amish Country
- * Hocking Hills
- * King's Island
- * Dayton Air Force Museum
- * Houston Woods
- * Kentucky Horse Farm