

Tips on How to Host With the Most

- ★ Casual attire puts people at ease. We recommend keeping your dinner or potluck casual and informal.
- ★ Please feel free to invite your friends and/or family to join you, particularly those who may share the same interests, languages, profession, or travel experiences as those of your visitors.
- ★ Please entertain in the manner that is most comfortable to you (barbeque, buffet supper, formal dinner, etc.). Feel free to invite the guests to join you for other activities – perhaps an Independence Day barbeque, a block party, Halloween, etc.
- ★ People in many cultures enjoy having wine or other alcoholic beverages with their meal; people in other cultures may not drink at all. You are not expected to serve alcohol, but you may do so if you wish; if guests have any dietary restrictions about alcohol or other food, you will be provided with that information in advance.
- ★ Depending on the project and the language required, interpreters may accompany the group to dinner. When hosting guests who require interpretation, please make sure that the interpreter has the opportunity to eat in a relaxed manner.
- ★ At some point in the evening, please create an opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves.
- ★ You may want to have an atlas or a map of the guests' country, so that they may show you where they live. If you have photographs or mementos of where you are from, please feel free to share those with the guests as well.
- ★ At the beginning or the end of the evening, you may be presented with a small gift. Gifts are not expected from either your guests or from you, but if you do wish to reciprocate, you could present your guests with a gift such as a postcard, calendar, or small souvenir. It should be inexpensive and easy for them to pack in their suitcase.
- ★ Please pass on any photos, videos, and feedback to Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council staff; we welcome your stories and photos! Before posting photos or updates to your blog or Facebook page, however, please consult with the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council program team and be sure to ask the international visitors for their permission.

Remember that this experience is likely to be a highlight of your visitors' time in the U.S.

Your generosity in opening your home to international guests is much appreciated. Thank you!